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THE SYNOD OF NEW YORK,

A. D. 1893.

THE SYNOD OF NEW YORK met, agreeably to appointment, in the First Church in the City of Rochester, on Tuesday, the 17th day of October, A. D. 1893, at half-past seven o'clock P. M., and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, the Rev. LEVI PARSONS, D. D., of the Presbytery of Rochester, on II. Corinthians 12: 14: "For I seek not yours, but you."

After the sermon, the Synod was organized with prayer by the Moderator.

The roll was called, and the following Ministers and Ruling Elders were found to be present, as duly appointed delegates from the Presbyteries:

THE ROLL OF THE SYNOD.

I. PRESBYTERY OF ALBANY.

Ministers.

James Norton Crocker, D. D.,
James Gardner, D. D.,
Charles A. Conant,
Alexander Rankin, D. D.,
Alfonso R. Olney, D. D.,
Daniel J. Many, Jr.,
George L. McClelland,
Leslie R. Groves.

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Prof. John Foster. .
James H. Pratt.
Hugh H. McMillan.
John D. McMartin.
James T. Sweetman, M. D.
William Bullock (2).
Lansing Cain.

II. PRESBYTERY OF BINGHAMTON.

Ministers.

J. Lovejoy Robertson,
 A. Cameron Mackenzie, D. D.,
 Theodore L. Leverett (2),
 George N. Macdonald,

Ruling Elders.

Morgan L. Barnes.
 Henry F. Benton.
 Franklin Edgerton.
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III. PRESBYTERY OF BOSTON.

Luther H. Angier.
 Milton Waldo, D. D.
 Robert Court, D. D. (2).
 Peter M. Macdonald, D. D. (2).
 Martin D. Kneeland, D. D.

IV. PRESBYTERY OF BROOKLYN.

Donald McLaren, D. D.,	Prof. Darwin G. Eaton.
William A. Holliday, D. D.,	Verranus Morse, M. D.
Robert D. Sproull, D. D.,	George H. Southard (2).
Lewis R. Foote, D. D.,	Charles Stelzle.
Newell Woolsey Wells.	
Harlan G. Mendenhall.	

V. PRESBYTERY OF BUFFALO.

Henry Ward,	Joseph H. Plumb.
William S. Hubbell, D. D.,	Charles A. Clark.
Morton F. Trippe,	Frank E. Sickels (2).
Herbert G. Lord,	Horace Briggs.
Albert W. Allen (2),	Edward A. Skinner (2).
Henry D. Lindsay (2),	Henry J. Wilkes.
Lansing Van Schoonhoven,	William A. Keeler (2).
George H. Marsh (2).	

VI. PRESBYTERY OF CAYUGA.

Clarence H. Beebe,	Dwight Conklin.
William H. Hubbard.	
John P. McPhie.	
Henry R. Fancher.	

VII. PRESBYTERY OF CHAMPLAIN.

Andrew M. Millar.
 Richard G. McCarthy.

VIII. PRESBYTERY OF CHEMUNG.

Ministers.

Charles C. Carr,
E. Woodward Brown,
John Cairns.
Allen F. DeCamp.

Ruling Elders.

Charles C. Ormiston.
Charles E. Swarthout.

IX. PRESBYTERY OF CHILE.

X. PRESBYTERY OF COLUMBIA.

Edward Stratton (2), Horace Strong (2).
Chester C. Thorne (2).
George C. Yeisley, D. D.

XI. PRESBYTERY OF EASTERN PERSIA.

XII. PRESBYTERY OF GENESEE.

John R. Lewis, Donald McPherson.
Joseph H. Hunsberger, Edwin A. Miller.
John W. Stitt, William R. Halbert.

XIII. PRESBYTERY OF GENEVA.

William H. Bates, Cassius N. McFarren.
J. Wilford Jacks, Edward B. Richardson.
Asher B. Temple, Andrew S. Long.
John S. Niles (2), William P. Rupert.

XIV. PRESBYTERY OF HUDSON.

Theron Brittain, Edward F. Pierson.
Robert H. Craig, Robert I. Crawford.
David McLeod, Ezekiel O. Rose (2).
Robert H. Taylor, George R. Conklin.
James S. E. Erskine, Henry M. Reynolds.
William H. Hudnutt (2).

XV. PRESBYTERY OF LONG ISLAND.

James M. Denton, William H. Youngs.
Egbert C. Lawrence, Ph. D., Jehiel S. Raynor (2).
George D. Miller, Joseph H. Randall.

XVI. PRESBYTERY OF LYONS.

Ministers.

Stephen G. Hopkins,
Luther A. Ostrander, D. D. (3).,
J. Calvin Mead.

Ruling Elders.

Joel R. Foster (2).
Willard Pullman (2).

XVII. PRESBYTERY OF NASSAU.

Samuel T. Carter,
Lyman D. Calkins (2),
William S. C. Webster,
Joseph Speers (2).

William H. Ross, M. D. (2).
John F. Rodman.
William A. Torrey (2).

XVIII. PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK.

Andrew Shiland, D. D.,
Robert F. Sample, D. D.,
Charles S. Robinson, D. D.,
George Nixon,
James C. Nightingale (2),
Joseph J. Lampe, D. D.,
James G. Patterson, D. D.,
Thomas Douglas, Ph. D.,
Howard Duffield, D. D. (3),
Walter D. Buchanan,

George E. Sterry.
John J. McCook.
William R. Worrall.
Kiliaen Van Rensselaer.
James Yereance.
Walter Carter.
Moses W. Dodd.
H. Edwards Rowland.
Richard Drummond.
Frederick Blume.

XIX. PRESBYTERY OF NIAGARA.

Anthony H. Evans,
Henry K. Sanborne,
Henry G. Dean.

Robert Anderson.
Walter Tuttle (2).

XX. PRESBYTERY OF NORTH LAOS.

Daniel McGilvary, D. D. (2).

XXI. PRESBYTERY OF NORTH RIVER.

Emory A. Nelson,
John F. Williamson (3),
Plato T. Jones,
Charles L. Carhart.

Ogden D. Daley.
John Dales (2).
Theodore Isham.

XXII. PRESBYTERY OF OTSEGO.

James H. Robinson,
Samuel R. Warrender,
John H. Brandow,

Austin L. Miller.
John Wright.
Eleazar R. Fuller.
Rudolphus Alger.

XXIII. PRESBYTERY OF ROCHESTER.

Ministers.

George Patton, D. D.,
 Levi Parsons, D. D.,
 Corliss B. Gardner,
 John M. Carmichael,
 Josiah E. Kittredge, D. D.,
 John H. Williams,
 William R. Taylor, D. D. (2),
 Gerard B. F. Hallock (2),

Ruling Elders.

J. Allen Andrews (2).
 William A. Brodie.
 Sidney A. Newman.
 George W. Canfield.
 Timothy D. Connor, M. D.
 William F. Parry.
 Silas W. Tenney.
 Louis Chapin.

XXIV. PRESBYTERY OF ST. LAWRENCE.

L. Merrill Miller, D. D.,
 Daniel A. Ferguson,
 Lewis R. Webber,
 James Robertson,

Robert Markwick.
 Alexander Turnbull.
 Hon. Calvin T. Hulburd.
 William B. Moore.

XXV. PRESBYTERY OF SIAM.

XXVI. PRESBYTERY OF STEUBEN.

Charles W. Maccarthy,
 Edgar P. Salmon.
 Daniel Mackay.
 William C. Mathews.

John B. Ferry.

XXVII. PRESBYTERY OF SYRACUSE.

David Torrey, D. D.,
 George Bayless (2),
 Charles D. Barrows,
 Orson L. White (2),
 Albert J. Abeel,
 Edward W. Miller.

D. Burr Giddings.
 Eliab Scott.
 Timothy Hough.
 George G. Norris.
 Lewis B. Howe.

XXVIII. PRESBYTERY OF TROY.

Hector Hall,
 Theophilus P. Sawin,
 William Reed,
 William H. Sybrandt,
 Herbert C. Hinds,
 Robert H. Carson.
 Charles E. MacGinness, Ph. D.

David Bradt.
 Aaron H. Graves.
 Horace B. Silliman, LL. D.
 Mallory D. Schoonmaker.
 Robert Gault.

XXIX. PRESBYTERY OF UTICA.

Ministers.

Eliot H. Payson,
 David I. Biggar,
 Sybrandt Nelson,
 Henry M. Dodd,
 M. Woolsey Stryker, D. D. (2),
 Stanley B. Roberts,

Ruling Elders.

Allen L. Blue.
 Joseph K. Casterton.
 Israel W. Young.
 J. Lucius Seymour.
 Arthur R. Simmons, M. D.
 James S. Aldredge.
 Henry C. Abell.

XXX. PRESBYTERY OF WESTCHESTER.

Thornton M. Niven, Jr., D. D.,
 Henry A. Davenport,
 John H. Trussell,
 Charles S. Lane,
 Arthur Requa (2),
 George R. Cutting,

William H. Foster (2).
 Thomas Gilbert (2).
 Edward Wells.
 Ralph E. Prime.
 William McKim.
 Edwin A. Knapp.

XXXI. PRESBYTERY OF WESTERN PERSIA.

The Rev. JAMES GARDNER, D. D., of the Presbytery of Albany, was elected Moderator by a unanimous vote, and was duly inducted into office.

The Rev. ALFONSO R. OLNEY, D. D., of the Presbytery of Albany, and the Rev. CHARLES W. MACCARTHY, of the Presbytery of Steuben, were chosen Temporary Clerks.

The Committee of Arrangements, through its Chairman, the Rev. Nelson Millard, D. D., reported the following recommendations, which were adopted :

1. That the daily sessions be from nine o'clock until twelve, and from half-past two until five.
2. That the devotional services on Wednesday morning be conducted by the Rev. John R. Lewis.
3. That on Wednesday, immediately after the announcement of committees, the Rev. George L. Shearer, D. D., of the American Tract Society, be heard briefly.
4. That on Wednesday evening, at half-past seven o'clock, a popular meeting be held in behalf of Home Missions, to be addressed by the Rev. John Hall, D. D., of New York.

5. That the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper be observed on Thursday morning at nine o'clock, and that the members of the Woman's Synodical Committee on Home Missions be invited to unite in the service.

6. That a popular meeting be held on Thursday evening, to be addressed by speakers whose names will be announced hereafter.

Adjourned until Wednesday, at nine o'clock A. M.

Closed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, October 18, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Synod met and spent half an hour in devotional services.

Prayer was offered by the Moderator.

The roll was called, and the following delegates, not previously enrolled, were reported as being present :

Presbytery of Albany: Elder—William Bullock.

Binghamton: Minister—Theodore L. Leverett.

Boston: Ministers—Robert Court, Peter M. Macdonald.

Brooklyn: Elder—George H. Southard.

Buffalo: Ministers—Albert W. Allen, Henry D. Lindsay, George H. Marsh; Elders—Frank E. Sickles, Edward A. Skinner, William A. Keeler.

Columbia: Ministers—Edward Stratton, Chester C. Thorne; Elder—Horace Strong.

Geneva: Minister—John S. Niles.

Hudson: Minister—William H. Hudnutt; Elder—Ezekiel O. Rose.

Long Island: Elder—Jehiel S. Raynor.

Lyons: Elders—Joel R. Foster, Willard Pullman.

Nassau: Ministers—Lyman D. Calkins, Joseph Speers; Elders—William H. Ross, William A. Torrey.

New York: Minister—James C. Nightingale.

Niagara: Elder—Walter Tuttle.

North Laos: Minister—Daniel McGilvary.

North River: Elder—John Dales.

Rochester: Ministers—William R. Taylor, Gerard B. F. Hallock; Elder—J. Allen Andrews.

Syracuse: Ministers—George Bayless, Orson L. White.

Utica: Minister—M. Woolsey Stryker.

Westchester: Minister—Arthur Requa; Elders—William H. Foster, Thomas Gilbert.

The minutes of Tuesday's session were read and approved.

The Moderator announced the following

STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. BILLS AND OVERTURES:

Ministers—Levi Parsons, Charles S. Robinson, George C. Yeisley, James H. Robinson, Charles C. Carr, William H. Hubbard, David Torrey, Hector Hall.

Elders—John J. McCook, Darwin G. Eaton, Joseph H. Plumb, Moses W. Dodd, William R. Halbert, William P. Rupert, William A. Brodie.

2. JUDICIAL BUSINESS:

Ministers—L. Merrill Miller, William S. Hubbell, William A. Holliday, Alexander Rankin, Corliss B. Gardner, Henry M. Dodd, Stephen G. Hopkins, Newell Woolsey Wells.

Elders—Ralph E. Prime, Prof. John Foster, Andrew S. Long, Edwin A. Miller, John F. Rodman, Horace Briggs, Dwight Conklin.

3. MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Ministers—George Patton, Stanley B. Roberts, Anthony H. Evans.

Elders—James Yereance, Calvin T. Hulburd.

4. FINANCE:

Elders—William R. Worrall, Horace B. Silliman, Henry F. Benton, Edward B. Richardson, Henry C. Abell.

5. LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Ministers—A. Cameron McKenzie, Egbert C. Lawrence, Morton F. Trippe.

Elders—John B. Ferry, D. Burr Giddings.

6. NOMINATION OF VISITORS TO SEMINARIES, ETC.:

Ministers—William H. Bates, Henry Ward, Gerard B. F. Hallock, Daniel A. Ferguson, Allen F. DeCamp.

Elders—George E. Sterry, Donald McPherson, Alexander Turnbull, Robert Anderson.

7. NOMINATION OF WOMAN'S COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS :

Ministers—Milton Waldo, Theron Brittain, Edward W. Miller, John H. Trussell, James M. Denton.

Elders—Allen L. Blue, David Bradt, Edwin A. Knapp, Charles E. Ormiston.

8. NOMINATION OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE SYNOD, ETC. :

Ministers—James N. Crocker, Andrew M. Millar, John Cairns, Herbert G. Lord, George L. McClelland.

Elders—Mallory D. Schoonmaker, Richard Drummond, Henry M. Reynolds, William H. Youngs.

9. TO COLLABORATE THE REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES ON THE RECORDS OF THE PRESBYTERIES :

Ministers—William A. Holliday, Lewis R. Foote, J. Calvin Mead.

Elders—Walter Carter, James S. Aldredge.

On the recommendation of the Committee of Arrangements, the following appointments were made for the Communion Service on Thursday morning : The Rev. George C. Yeisley, D. D., to administer the bread, the Rev. Samuel T. Carter to administer the cup, and the following Elders to serve the communicants : Edward Wells, John J. McCook, Edward B. Richardson, John Foster, Henry F. Benton, Darwin G. Eaton, Joseph H. Plumb and Edwin A. Miller.

The Committee of Arrangements presented an invitation to the members of the Synod, from Mr. Daniel W. Powers, to visit his Art Gallery at four o'clock in the afternoon. The invitation was accepted with thanks, and a recess was ordered at that hour.

Printed copies of the docket of business, and of the minutes of the last Stated Meeting, were distributed.

Overtures, memorials, appeals and complaints were called for, and the papers presented were placed in the hands of the Stated Clerk.

It was made the order of the day for three o'clock P. M., to hear the report of the Examiners of Elmira College.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence presented the following report, which was accepted, and its recommendations were adopted :

The duties of this Committee may be grouped under four heads : 1. Co-operation with the Assembly's Committee on Systematic Beneficence. 2. Responsibility for the

discussion of the subject at the Synodical Missionary Congress. 3. The compilation of a Roll of Elders in the Synod. 4. The distribution of the "Christian Steward" among the Elders of the Synod.

1. In respect to co-operation with the Assembly's Committee: During the year the Chairmen of the two Committees have had personal interviews and frequent correspondence. Thus there has been established a closer union of interests and a greater harmony of action than in previous years, when this Committee was responsible for the representation in the Synod of all the Boards of the Assembly.

2. The Committee of Arrangements for the Synodical Congress assigned the last evening session to the subject of Systematic Beneficence. This, we take it, was in order that the best part of the programme might be last. We had fears as to the wisdom of attempting to hold the Congress together for a third evening's session, but the attendance was virtually undiminished, and the discussion was so full and hearty that our only regret was the necessity of closing the session before many could be heard who were ready to contribute much of business wisdom upon this very practical subject. Your Committee had an especially prepared programme, which was distributed throughout the bounds of the Synod prior to the meeting of the Congress. The Assembly's Committee was represented by the Rev. Paul F. Sutphen, D. D., whose theme was "The Mighty Dollar in the Hands of the Almighty." The Chairman of your Committee addressed the Congress upon "The Synodical Pocket Book."

We believe that the Congress is of great value to your Committee. The best way to agitate the subject of the worship of God by offerings is by free, open discussion on the floor of just such a conference. We should count it a great opportunity lost should the Synod discontinue the June Missionary Congress.

3. The compilation of the roll of Elders has been prosecuted with great labor. We have in our possession a list of the Elders in twenty of our Presbyteries; but the non-concurrence of the Presbyteries of Binghamton, Chemung, Geneva, New York, Syracuse and Troy, in the request of the Synod in 1892, "that each Presbyterial Committee on Systematic Beneficence of the Home Presbyteries should compile a roll of its Ruling Elders," &c., has obstructed hopelessly the immediate completion of our task. The imperfect lists of other Presbyteries have made uniformity of arrangement impossible. We believe that an accurate roll of the Elders of the Synod would be of great value, and that such a roll, corrected each year, should be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes. Upon this whole subject we simply report progress, and await farther instructions.

4. Last year we were directed to circulate the "Christian Steward" among the 3,800 Elders of the Synod. Of this large number we have reached each month 2,431 with the paper so ably edited by the Chairman of the Assembly's Committee, the Rev. Rufus S. Green, D. D. The 1,369 Elders who have not received it are located in the Presbyteries whose Committees on Systematic Beneficence "have fallen on sleep."

A vacancy in the Committee has been occasioned by the removal of the Rev. J. Paul Egbert, D. D., beyond the bounds of the Synod.

By comparing the statistics of this year with those of the preceding year, it appears:

1. That the total gifts of the Synod have increased \$222,397.

2. That the gifts to benevolence at large have increased \$86,040.

3. That the gifts to Congregational expenses and the General Assembly have increased \$136,357, and the gifts to Miscellaneous objects, \$94,312.

4. That the gifts to work represented by the Boards of the Assembly have decreased \$8,272, and the gifts direct to the Boards have decreased \$213.

5. That the difference between the amounts credited in the Assembly Minutes to work represented by the Boards, and the actual receipts of the Boards, is \$329,860. This difference, added to the gifts called "Miscellaneous," shows a disbursement of \$702,777 to objects outside of the treasuries of the Boards. The following tables show the comparisons in detail for the past two years.

(NOTE.—The number of Communicants, excluding the Foreign Presbyteries, is 165,748, a net increase of 516. In these tables no account is taken of the fractions of a dollar.)

I. A Comparative View of the Total Gifts of the Synod.

BOARDS, ETC.	1892.	1893.	Loss.	Gain.
Home Missions.....	\$316,316	\$319,738	.....	\$3,422
Foreign Missions	201,206	211,514	.....	10,308
Education	20,431	20,918	.....	487
Sunday School Work	32,698	39,943	.....	7,236
Church Erection.....	77,531	48,470	\$29,061	.....
Relief Fund	26,384	24,480	1,904	.....
Freedmen	27,874	25,874	1,950	.....
Sustentation.....	15,363	15,396	.....	33
Aid for Colleges	18,300	21,457	.....	3,157
Total.....	\$736,053	\$727,781	\$32,915	\$24,643
General Assembly	15,333	14,860	473	.....
Congregational	2,217,760	2,354,590	.....	136,830
Miscellaneous.....	278,605	372,917	.....	94,312
Grand Total.....	\$3,247,751	\$3,476,148	\$33,388	\$255,785

II. Comparison of the Actual Receipts of the Boards.

BOARDS.	1892.	1893.	Loss.	Gain.
Home Missions.....	\$159,375	\$162,553	.....	\$3,178
Foreign Missions	116,690	121,934	.....	5,244
Education	16,383	16,567	.....	184
Sunday School Work	16,101	16,077	\$24	.....
Church Erection.....	17,655	17,520	135	.....
Relief Fund	25,148	23,855	1,293	.....
Freedmen	25,143	20,895	4,338	.....
Sustentation.....	12,601	10,718	1,973	.....
Aid for Colleges	8,948	7,892	1,056	.....
Total.....	\$398,134	\$397,921	\$8,819	\$8,606

III. Comparison of payments by the Boards to the Synod.

BOARDS.	1892.	1893.	Decrease.	Increase.
Home Missions.....	\$37,135	\$35,209	\$1,926	.....
Foreign Missions	2,750	2,825	.....	\$ 75
Education	8,263	7,136	1,127	.....
Church Erection.....	1,200	2,400	.....	1,200
Relief Fund.....	17,593	17,995	.....	402
Total.....	\$66,941	\$65,565	\$3,053	\$1,677

IV. Comparison of Rates per Member.

OBJECTS.	1892.	1893.	Loss.	Gain.	Entire Church in 1893.
To all objects.....	\$19.66	\$20.93	.....	\$1.27	\$17.44
To Congregational Expenses and General Assembly.....	13.51	14.29	.....	.78	12.39
To Benevolence at Large.....	6.14	6.64	.....	.50	5.05
To the Boards of the Church.....	2.41	2.40	.01	.....	.....

V. Comparison of Presbyteries in the Order of Percentage of Collections.

PRESBYTERIES.	Number of Churches.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Sunday School Work.	Church Erection.	Relief Fund.	Freedmen.	Sustentation.	Aid for Colleges.	Number of Blanks.	Possible Collections.	Actual Collections.	Percentage.
Hudson.....	44	2	3	4	5	5	7	8	6	8	48	396	348	88
Long Island.....	24	0	1	4	4	5	2	5	3	7	31	216	185	86
Geneva.....	23	3	2	4	4	3	3	4	5	7	35	207	172	83
Albany.....	50	5	5	10	13	11	10	10	8	12	84	450	366	81
Westchester.....	38	2	5	9	7	8	7	8	11	11	68	342	274	80
North River.....	30	2	3	6	5	6	5	8	10	9	54	270	216	80
Rochester.....	46	2	2	11	8	16	14	10	16	15	94	414	320	77
Brooklyn.....	33	3	2	6	11	7	8	6	14	14	71	297	226	76
Utica.....	43	3	4	16	5	12	14	13	14	23	104	387	283	73
Nassau.....	26	2	4	9	7	7	9	7	8	12	65	234	169	72
St. Lawrence.....	31	5	5	11	7	16	9	11	6	15	85	279	194	71
New York.....	55	5	5	18	15	14	15	17	34	26	149	495	346	70
Steuben.....	26	4	4	7	8	9	8	8	12	13	73	234	161	69
Cayuga.....	23	1	4	10	5	9	10	8	9	10	66	207	141	68
Buffalo.....	45	7	5	21	10	23	21	18	13	26	144	405	261	64
Troy.....	42	5	7	20	15	15	19	17	19	24	141	378	237	63
Columbia.....	19	6	4	8	6	9	8	9	8	9	67	171	104	61
Binghamton.....	28	6	5	11	10	15	12	12	15	14	100	252	152	60
Lyons.....	18	0	1	6	9	10	9	12	5	13	65	162	97	60
Chemung.....	22	3	4	11	4	13	12	10	8	16	81	117	59	59
Niagara.....	20	1	1	12	8	10	11	6	11	13	73	180	107	59
Genesee.....	22	3	5	9	6	13	11	9	11	17	84	198	114	58
Otsego.....	27	3	7	13	8	15	14	16	15	16	107	243	136	56
Syracuse.....	44	12	13	25	16	24	27	23	21	28	189	396	207	52
Boston.....	38	5	9	19	15	13	23	18	34	27	163	342	179	52
Champlain.....	22	7	8	15	8	16	16	14	13	16	113	198	85	43
Total.....	839	97	118	295	219	304	304	287	329	401	2354	7551	5197	69

The Committee recommends :

1. That the work of compiling a Roll of the Elders of the Synod of New York be completed by this Committee.

2. That each of the Home Presbyteries be instructed to appoint a Committee on Systematic Beneficence, who shall forward, prior to January 1, 1894, an accurate roll of the Elders in such Presbytery to the Chairman of the Synod's Committee.

3. That the Treasurer of the Synod be authorized to pay the contingent expenses of this Committee for the past year, amounting to \$47.50.

An additional recommendation, concerning an appropriation to the Committee from the treasury of the Synod, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Rev. George L. Shearer, D. D., addressed the Synod in behalf of the American Tract Society.

It was

Resolved, That the Synod reiterates its testimony to and appreciation of the work of the American Tract Society.

This Society is a forcible manifestation of the unity of the body of Christ, in its preparing and issuing a literature containing the Bible doctrines as held in common by the Evangelical churches. It prints these truths not only in forms suitable for use in the home churches, but also in the languages of the immigrants for whom it is impossible to furnish a living ministry in adequate force, and who, without the gospel, are a menace to both the State and the Church. It sends these publications by missionary colporteurs and by voluntary distributors to the homes of the needy, and to the exceptional classes in our own land. This Society aids Foreign Missions by printing in one hundred and fifty languages or dialects, thus creating and supplying an evangelical literature, multiplying the power of the missionaries, and comforting and edifying believers in the native churches abroad. The American Tract Society is cordially commended to the co-operation and support of our churches.

The following minute was adopted :

It is respectfully suggested to the American Tract Society that it publish one tract each month of not less than eight pages, of the usual tract-size page, as a monthly periodical, and have it entered as such under our postal laws, and that the subscription price for the same shall not exceed two dollars per year for one hundred tracts monthly ; that when the contributions from the Presbyterian churches and individuals in the bounds of the Synod designated or undesignated for this purpose shall reach twenty-four hundred dollars, for the year following the receipt of the money, the Tract Society shall send to a thousand Presbyterian home missionaries for one year one hundred tracts monthly for free distribution in their parishes.

The Committee on Synodical Aid presented the following report, which was accepted, and its recommendations were adopted :

The Committee respectfully reports, that as far as practicable communication has been maintained between the Committee, the Synodical Superintendents, and others engaged in the work. In January, notices of the apportionments were sent out, and the Stated Clerks and members of the Sustentation Committees in the Presbyteries were urged, as the Synod had directed, to press the claims of Synodical Aid on the attention of the churches and congregations. Personal letters were also forwarded to many, in different parts of the State, who had manifested an interest in the growth of the Church.

Four hundred and forty-seven churches have contributed to this object the past

year, an advance over the number in the previous year. The total amount paid to the treasurer, \$10,351.34, is not as large as last year, possibly owing to the stringency in the money market, which has affected also other departments of our benevolent work. Ten Presbyteries increased the amounts of their contributions, and fifteen gave less. Sixteen of the Presbyteries asked for more aid than last year, and nine solicited less. The Presbyteries have approved grants to needy churches, which have been paid, to the amount of \$31,138.23. The Board of Home Missions has made up the difference from its own funds.

In considering, however, the total amount given for Church Sustentation in the State, we must remember that New York, Long Island and Buffalo have funds distinct from the Aid Fund, to which they contribute with more or less liberality to their needy churches. Niagara has a vested fund sufficient to care for all its churches which are not self-supporting.

The following table will show the numbers of contributing and non-contributing churches in each Presbytery; and also the amounts the Presbyteries gave to the Synodical Aid Fund, and the appropriations they received:

PRESBYTERIES.	Churches Contributing	Not Contributing	Receipts.	Payments.
Albany	39	11	\$ 1,845.96	\$2,812 50
Binghamton	13	15	403.55	1,333.33
Boston .....	.....	.....	47.25	.....
Brooklyn.....	17	16	426.53	1,725.00
Buffalo	9	36	435.69	684.82
Cayuga	16	7	327.17	1,495.82
Champlain	11	11	137.63	1,950.00
Chemung	11	11	193.50	993.75
Columbia	13	6	234.99	1,304.17
Genesee	10	12	177.41	450.00
Geneva	15	8	259.52	735.75
Hudson	32	12	449.73	1,195.84
Long Island.....	22	2	297.79	260.60
Lyons	12	6	95.11	477.00
Nassau	16	10	220.98	1,575 00
New York	17	41	766.71	4,150.00
Niagara	5	15	90.15	.....
North River	17	13	151.41	300.00
Otsego	10	17	150.72	917.92
Rochester	25	21	319.49	900.00
St. Lawrence.....	19	12	445.90	1,303.66
Steuben.....	14	12	172.67	1,139.86
Syracuse.....	22	21	518.32	1,878.71
Troy	23	19	577.50	2,075 00
Utica	27	16	813 90	912.00
Westchester	28	9	759.76	567.50
Miscellaneous.....	.....	.....	32.00	.....
Synodical Missionaries .....	.....	.....	.....	2,500.00
Expense of Publishing Receipts.....	.....	.....	.....	30.87
Total.....	.....	.....	\$10,351.34	\$33,669.10

At a meeting of the Committee in Utica, February 21st, the Rev. Wallace B. Lucas, D. D., Superintendent of the Western District, offered his resignation, to take effect from May first. As authorized by the Synod, the Committee accepted the resignation, and expressed its appreciation of his services, and its good wishes for him in his distant home.

Subsequently the following action was taken, and was approved by all the members of the Committee :

Whereas, The Synod of New York, at its late session, in Albany, authorized this Committee to fill any vacancy until the close of the Synodical year; therefore,

Resolved, That the Rev. James N. Crocker, D. D., be, and he hereby is, appointed Synodical Superintendent of the Western District, as well as the Eastern, from May 1st, 1893, to the close of the present Synodical year; and that his salary be at the rate of two thousand dollars per annum, with his expenses in the field.

The work accomplished by our Superintendents has been very satisfactory. Dr. Crocker has been able to say that all the vacant fields of the Synod are supplied excepting twenty-six. The great lack has been men for the places. One hundred and forty-five missionaries have been employed in our needy districts, in which are found nearly 12,000 communicants, with about 15,000 Sabbath-school pupils, whom they have looked after, as well as the scattered populations forming their congregations. These churches have received 974 communicants, more than two-thirds of them on a profession of faith. It is from these rural districts that the churches of our cities and large villages gain much of their effective strength.

How shall the Synod secure sufficient means to overtake this necessary work? This is a question which deserves more earnest and conscientious consideration than our churches have yet given to it. This Synod is a most commanding one, both for the number of its communicants, and its large and wealthy churches, located in the broad and rich State whose inviting domain and lucrative pursuits are continually increasing its population, already among the millions. Then, too, it is easy for our stronger churches to care for their feeble neighbors, and still contribute as much as ever to the general funds of the Home Board for pushing its work in more distant missionary fields.

The Synodical Aid scheme has not been unadvisedly or hastily adopted by this body. In 1883, the Board of Home Missions suggested, in its report to the Assembly, that "it would be well for the large and wealthy Synod of New York to undertake the support of its own weak churches by special contributions, to be called sustentation contributions." The Assembly of the same year commended this proposition to the favorable notice of this Synod, as well as to other Eastern Synods. In 1886, after much consultation, the present plan of Synodical Aid was adopted, and earnestly urged upon our churches. The Synod has heartily commended its acceptance and prosecution from year to year. Its earnest prosecution seems to us more imperative at this moment than ever. The success achieved urges new effort. A clearer understanding and appreciation of the work must incite to zeal and enthusiasm for it.

Then there is increasing need that every part of the church work in our State should be earnestly cared for to the utmost of our ability. In the five Eastern States that have undertaken to carry out the wishes of the Board of Home Missions, viz.: New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Illinois, there are, aside from our Irish immigrants, 2,184,922 foreigners who do not speak our language, and who represent almost every nationality in the world. Of these, 785,430 are found in our own State. From past statistics we may expect these numbers to be increased at least a half-million, from year to year. The problem of their evangelization is the difficult one we have to solve.

From considerations like these, the duty of looking after our own Church work is increasingly imperative. Every dollar given to the Synod's fund will go to swell the amount put into the treasury of the Board of Home Missions, and will help us to the

satisfaction of knowing that we are intelligently and carefully looking after the wants at our own doors. It will be a grand result when any scheme of Church sustentation will guarantee to the laborers, in all our parishes throughout the State, an ample salary, so promptly paid as to make them "free from worldly cares and avocations." This is the wish and purpose of the Synod in its advocacy of the Synodical Aid plan. Such an aim inspires us with hope and zeal for the work, and essentially helps the solidarity of our Presbyterianism. Its success means, as it has been well said, "a new and blessed era in the life of Presbyterianism and the means of grace in the State."

It is recommended:

1. That thirty-two thousand dollars be apportioned among the Presbyteries, for this object, in the same manner as last year.
2. That the Presbyteries, in approving applications for aid, shall ascertain, as far as possible, whether the churches seeking help are using due diligence to reach self-sustentation in their own fields, and also shall seek to unite contiguous needy churches, in one field of work, as far as practicable.
3. That the Synod earnestly urges its Presbyteries, Ministers and Elders to call the special attention of the churches and congregations to the importance of this work, and give an opportunity for their people to contribute to its support.
4. That in view of the successful work already accomplished by Synodical Aid in supplying the weak churches, and the organization which has been brought about in the Presbyteries generally, and in some particularly which have creditably determined to care for all the churches within their bounds, the Synod for the present constitute the State one district, to be supervised by one superintendent.
5. That the Rev. James N. Crocker, D. D., be appointed such superintendent for the present year; that his salary be two thousand dollars and expenses in the field, and that the Treasurer of the Synodical Aid Fund be instructed to arrange for its payment.
6. That each Presbytery be requested to designate some one of its Synodical Aid Committee, whose heart is in this matter, to make it his purpose and effort to have his Presbytery fill up the quota assigned to it.
7. That in order to secure a full representation of the actual work of Synodical Aid within our bounds, the Synod request those Presbyteries which have nobly determined to aid in supporting their own weak Churches, to report to the Synod's Committee the sums contributed to that work, and to turn over to this fund any surplus of contributions; and that the Presbyteries which have city evangelization schemes be requested to report as above, not including amounts used specifically for church extension.
8. That the Committee be authorized to fill, until the close of the Synodical year, any vacancies that may occur.

Elder Joseph C. Batchelor, of the Committee on Synodical Aid, addressed the Synod.

The Rev. James N. Crocker, D. D., the Synodical Superintendent, addressed the Synod, and presented the following report, which was accepted:

We report our work for the year ending October 1, 1893, as follows :

Visits to Congregations.....	179	Ruling Elders Ordained	2
Sermons.....	267	Meetings of Presbyteries attended.....	27
Baptisms.....	25	Ordination of Ministers—aided in.....	2
Lord's Supper administered.....	14	Installation of Ministers—aided in	2
Received on Examination.....	25	Presided at Congregational Meetings	12
Received by Letter.....	7	Presided on other occasions.....	many
Letters and Cards Written.....	2,633	Miles traveled.....	23,322
Funerals attended.....	2	Expenses.....	\$566.02
Assisted in Organizing Churches.....	2	Received.....	\$396.75
Assisted in Church Dedication.....	2	Dr. Lucas paid to Synodical Aid Fund ...	\$125.00

The figures give an approximate idea of the work performed, which has been prosecuted, according to the direction of the Synod, in close correspondence with Presbyterial committees. Preaching, pastoral visitation, conferences with Sessions, trustees and congregations, aiding in Sabbath schools and prayer meetings, introducing candidates for pulpits, reporting to and addressing Presbyteries, acting as a bureau of information between churches and ministers, supplying strong churches and so securing an opportunity to commend Synodical Aid, holding services in the weak, vacant churches, visiting the sick and aged, with much other useful work, have been the means employed. A cordial reception has been given by pastors, Sessions, trustees and congregations, with a manifest desire to aid as far as possible.

The discouragements are chiefly a lack of ministers for the weak places, the fact that the churches do not contribute the whole amount asked for by the Synod, and the smallness of the salaries in many places causing too frequent changes in the pastorate and leaving some places unsupplied.

The encouragements are many: the cordial co-operation of the permanent committee, of Presbyterial committees and their increasing activity in caring for their weak churches, the favor of ministers and elders, the grateful reception by the weak churches, the expressed sympathy of the strong churches, the gradually increasing success of the work seen in the better condition of the whole field, and many other things. Due mention should be made also of the fact that the Board of Home Missions has supplied the deficiency in contributions to Synodical Aid and paid the ministers who have been serving in the weak churches.

Above all do we thank God for his grace so abundantly bestowed.

JAMES N. CROCKER, *Supt. Eastern District.*

WALLACE B. LUCAS, *Supt. Western District.*

Papers were reported by the Stated Clerk, and referred as follows :

To the Committee on Bills and Overtures :

1. An Overture from the Presbytery of Westchester, in reference to French Protestant Churches within the bounds of our Presbyteries.
2. A memorial in regard to the Church at Newport, R. I.
3. A paper in relation to the taxation of Church property.

To the Committee on Judicial Business :

1. Four Complaints by Charles A. Briggs and Francis Brown, and one Complaint by these and others, against certain action of the Presbytery of New York.

2. A Complaint of Charles S. Robinson, James G. Patterson and others, against certain action of the Presbytery of New York.

3. An Appeal of Elder Donald K. McLeod from a decision of the Presbytery of Boston.

The Moderator announced the following

COMMITTEES ON THE RECORDS OF THE PRESBYTERIES:

1. ALBANY: *Ministers*—Eliot H. Payson, Henry G. Dean; *Elder*—Robert Gault.

2. BINGHAMTON: *Ministers*—Henry K. Sanborne, John H. Williams; *Elder*—Cassius N. McFarren.

3. BOSTON: *Ministers*—John H. Brandow, William C. Matthews; *Elder*—Eliab Scott.

4. BROOKLYN: *Ministers*—Robert H. Carson, Sybrandt Nelson; *Elder*—John B. Ferry.

5. BUFFALO: *Ministers*—Henry A. Davenport, David I. Biggar; *Elder*—George G. Norris.

6. CAYUGA: *Ministers*—James G. Patterson, Lewis R. Webber; *Elder*—John Wright.

7. CHAMPLAIN: *Ministers*—Charles D. Barrows, Daniel Mackay; *Elder*—Aaron H. Graves.

8. CHEMUNG: *Ministers*—Charles S. Lane, William H. Sybrandt; *Elder*—Robert Markwick.

9. CHILE: *Ministers*—John S. Niles, Luther A. Ostrander; *Elder*—Timothy Hough.

10. COLUMBIA: *Ministers*—George R. Cutting, Samuel R. Warrender; *Elder*—Theodore Isham.

11. EASTERN PERSIA: [No records.]

12. GENESEE: *Ministers*—John H. Brandow, James M. Denton; *Elder*—Edward F. Pierson.

13. GENEVA: *Ministers*—Joseph H. Hunsberger, E. Woodward Brown; *Elder*—Horace B. Silliman.

14. HUDSON: *Ministers*—Thomas Douglas, John R. Lewis; *Elder*—Hugh H. McMillan.

15. LONG ISLAND: *Ministers*—Charles E. MacGinness, John P. McPhie; *Elder*—Lansing Cain.
16. LYONS: *Ministers*—Robert F. Sample, Thornton M. Niven, Jr.; *Elder*—James T. Sweetman.
17. NASSAU: *Ministers*—Martin D. Kneeland, Henry R. Fancher; *Elder*—Franklin Edgerton.
18. NEW YORK: *Ministers*—Donald McLaren, Henry Ward; *Elder*—Ralph E. Prime.
19. NIAGARA: *Ministers*—Walter D. Buchanan, John W. Stitt; *Elder*—Edward Wells.
20. NORTH LAOS: *Ministers*—Chester C. Thorne, Asher B. Temple; *Elder*—Timothy D. Connor.
21. NORTH RIVER: *Ministers*—Edgar P. Salmon, Robert H. Taylor; *Elder*—Frederick Blume.
22. OTSEGO: *Ministers*—Robert D. Sproull, Clarence H. Beebe; *Elder*—James H. Pratt.
23. ROCHESTER: *Ministers*—Luther H. Angier, Andrew Shiland; *Elder*—Charles E. Swarthout.
24. ST. LAWRENCE: *Ministers*—William H. Hudnutt, Samuel T. Carter; *Elder*—Verranus Morse.
25. SIAM: [No records.]
26. STEUBEN: *Ministers*—David McLeod, Emory A. Nelson; *Elder*—Rudolphus Alger.
27. SYRACUSE: *Ministers*—John M. Carmichael, Harlan G. Mendenhall; *Elder*—Kiliaen Van Rensselaer.
28. TROY: *Ministers*—Albert J. Abeel, James S. E. Erskine; *Elder*—Joseph K. Randall.
29. UTICA: *Ministers*—Charles L. Carhart, Robert H. Craig; *Elder*—Eleazar R. Fuller.
30. WESTCHESTER: *Ministers*—Josiah E. Kittredge, Robert H. Taylor; *Elder*—Austin L. Miller.
31. WESTERN PERSIA: [No records.]

The Records of the Presbyteries were presented, and were referred to the Examining Committees.

It was made the first order of business for Thursday afternoon to hear the report of the Committee appointed to collate the reports of the Examining Committees.

A recess was taken until half-past two o'clock P. M.

Closed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, October 18, 2.30 o'clock P. M.

The Synod met and was opened with prayer.

The Committee on the establishment of a Training School for the children of Indians in New York State presented the following report :

Your Committee has devoted much time and labor to the subject entrusted to it. A majority of the Committee are members of the Presbytery of Buffalo, which includes within its care four-fifths of the Indians of New York, and has long discussed the questions now before us. Twice, within the last four years, it has issued a printed report on the character and condition of these people. Let us briefly recite the facts, with reference to education, on the seven reservations where the State maintains schools, viz.: Allegany, Cattaraugus, Onondaga, St. Regis, Shinnecock, Tonawanda, and Tuscarora. The Oneidas, having submitted to land-in-severalty, have no schools furnished them by the State, and as their children do not attend school with the whites, the former are increasingly unlettered.

The facts we first mention are quoted from the report of Superintendent J. F. Crooker for February, 1893. The total number of Indian children of school age in New York is 1,553. For them are provided 29 schools and 29 teachers. These schools are taught during 36 weeks of each year. The average attendance daily is less than thirteen pupils to each school, or 378 in all. This is less than one-fourth of the whole number of children, though 953 have attended school during some portion of the year, perhaps a few days at a time; 600 children, however, or 40 per cent. of the whole, did not enter a school-house during the past year. Among those who do attend, it is rare to find a pupil over 14 years of age. The school houses are, many of them, unattractive and out of repair, and suitable out-houses are needed. The teachers complain that they have no maps, charts, globes or other conveniences of this sort, which are common in white schools. Where teachers do not collect the meagre supply of books, slates and pencils, and lock them up at night, the stock of such things is said not to last for a week. There is a sad lack of punctuality, and a very irregular attendance. The same thirteen are not to be found on two consecutive days at the same school. There is often a scant supply of fuel in winter, and sessions are frequently closed for that reason. Insubordination is rare, but the scholars are very bashful, and require the utmost patience on the part of

teachers. The pay of the latter is too small, and first-class teachers will not take these positions. Indian parents complain of many of the teachers as too young and inexperienced, and as not to be compared with the instructors in the missionary schools of thirty years ago.

Only the most elementary studies, such as arithmetic, geography, grammar, reading and spelling, are taught. Under this method, but one-fourth of the children receive a fragment of education, and the best of these usually graduate at 14 years of age. At the Thomas Orphan Asylum the school furniture is better, but the other conditions and the final results are about the same as at the Indian schools already mentioned. No intelligent white people would tolerate such limits to the education of their own children. An industrial school for manual training was the hope of Asher Wright and of his sainted wife, who lived and died among the Senecas. Thus they expected to train the children from 12 to 18 years of age, and to make them skilled workers of both sexes, able to earn their own living at some other occupation than tilling the soil. Their hope as yet is unrealized.

The United States Government provides a score of these Industrial Schools in various States and Territories for the western Indians. At these institutions some 20,000 Indian youth are now in process of education. But whenever, in former years, we asked permission to send our New York Indians to Carlisle or to Hampton, reply was made that this privilege was not open to them, because no treaty stipulation on the subject of education existed with them. This deficiency, in its turn, was due to the perfect behavior of the Iroquois, or Six Nations, ever since the Revolutionary War, whereby no treaties of any kind had been required. Thus their good conduct was a bar to their progress.

In October, 1891, special permission was tacitly given by the Board of Indian Commissioners for Captain Pratt to fill twenty vacancies at Carlisle with New York Indians, provided they were delivered at the school free of expense to him, and were consigned to his care for at least five years. The necessary funds were raised, the required pledges given, and in two weeks' time the twenty children were at Carlisle. Very soon, however, the Government Inspector appeared from Washington, and notified Captain Pratt that the presence of these Iroquois was illegal, and that they should be sent home at once. This led to a prolonged struggle, in which many expedients were resorted to; and at last, in May, 1892, the traditional ruling was reversed by Secretary Noble, with the approval of General Morgan and of President Harrison, and government schools were opened to New York Indians on the same basis as to those from the great West. This generous charter was hailed with joy by the Indians and their friends. Speedily one hundred youth from our State were placed at Hampton and Carlisle. Thrice this number were anxious to be sent, and were bidden to await their turn for the next year, as all available places had been filled. At Hampton, where the maturer pupils were sent, the New York Indians have surpassed all others in general excellence. In competition with eighteen other tribes, these Iroquois have, on the whole, outranked the others.

But with a change of administration, this newly-opened door of hope has been closed. Not another new pupil can be sent forth at government expense. Even a verbal promise from the Indian Commissioner, that ten might be sent to Hampton, was revoked after the students had been selected, and were ready for the start. The Synod will be glad to know that a bequest of \$1,200 for Indian education at this juncture was

tendered to the Presbytery of Buffalo, and that ten were forwarded to Hampton last month, though not twenty, as we had hoped.

Secretary Hoke Smith, when asked for such an explanation of this withdrawal of privilege as might be presented to the Synod of New York, replied as follows, under date of September 15th :

"It is the opinion of this office that no Indian children should be taken from the State of New York to be educated in our government schools, for the reason that under the laws of that State ample provision is made for the education of these children, and there is no necessity for their being educated at government expense to the displacement of other Indian children, who have not the benefits of these facilities."

To such as know what these alleged facilities are in our State, this reason seems neither wise nor humane. Less than one-half of one per cent. of the Indians in government schools are from the State of New York. Is it praiseworthy to shut out this fraction?

At the Lake Mohonk Indian Conference of last week, this government action was deplored, and earnest effort will be made to restore the policy of a year ago. Success in such effort would modify or postpone the need of an industrial school for Indians in Western New York.

Your Committee, however, has felt it incumbent to prosecute inquiries with reference to the establishment of such a school, if existing institutions remain closed to the youth of the Six Nations. The time has come when some adequate provision should be made for the industrial education of these hampered and helpless children and youth, 1,600 of whom are growing up untaught in matters essential to earning a livelihood for themselves.

Soon the reservation system must be abandoned; for with the utmost difficulty are these lands even now kept from the covetous hands of those who intend ere long to appropriate them. The Indian must not be shut up to farming, but must be able to work at trades and other industries. His Christian education in such callings must be hastened. The Presbyterian Church is allied to these red men by the history of missions in such a way as to be especially fitted to undertake this farther task. All who are familiar with the Seneca missions will at once recognize this fact.

Furthermore, we cannot go into partnership with the State and with its politicians in such a scheme. Such a school should be under Presbyterian management and control; its property should be vested in trustees from the Presbyterian Church in various parts of our great Synod; and thus a multitude of difficulties attending union organizations would be avoided.

In prosecuting its search, your Committee has examined several proposed sites for an Industrial School. The best one thus far available, and indeed the ideal site in many respects, is near Lewiston, adjoining the Tuscarora Reservation, and on the shore of Lake Ontario. One hundred and fifty acres of choice land can probably be secured, without conditions, at this point, as a gift from what is styled the Model City, a new enterprise controlling 20,000 acres of land between the Niagara gorge and the Lake.

It is proper also to mention that a legacy of \$10,000, for Indian industrial enterprise, has been placed at our disposal, under certain conditions, by the executor, the Rev. J. Paul Egbert, D. D., of St. Paul, Minn. To secure this fund, with possibly an increased amount from the same source, our Synod must agree to raise an equal sum, and to maintain the school for at least ten years.

Your Committee has also accumulated other information as to the details of such a scheme, having visited similar schools in other States, and having corresponded with men and women in charge of such undertakings. Difficult though it may be, yet the plan does not seem to be impracticable, should circumstances demand it.

Desiring to awaken a wide-spread interest in this important matter, your Committee would therefore report progress as already outlined. The result of the requests for a change of policy at Washington, in regard to these Indian youths, and possibly also the ripening of some schemes among the political leaders of our State, must be awaited, ere your Committee has a definite proposition to recommend.

The report was accepted, and the Committee was continued.

The Committee on Education presented the following report, which was accepted, and its recommendations were adopted :

The candidates for the Presbyterian ministry reported to the last General Assembly, requiring on an average five years to complete their studies, numbered 1265. Two-thirds of these young men are helped financially by our Church, through its Board of Education. This Synod, of 165,000 communicants, made it possible, by their contributions, for the Board to help 165 men in their ministerial education. It thus required last year the united efforts of a thousand church members to help a young man, who has given his life to the work of the gospel ministry, to the extent of \$2 a week for board and clothing, while he is preparing to occupy one of their pulpits. It is a sad thought that when God gives business prosperity to one of our church members, it frequently precludes his son from entering the grandest of callings, that of the gospel ministry. God, when he wants messengers to represent the Court of Heaven on earth, is obliged to turn to families to whom he has denied financial prosperity for two-thirds of his representatives. It is a sad fact, in this time of great need for practical, aggressive men, who will work for the Lord Christ as faithfully as other men work for themselves, that this Synod should have six Presbyteries, representing 24,000 church members, without a single candidate for the Christian ministry.

It is recommended :

1. That our pastors urge their churches to increase their contributions to the Board of Education, that it may be enabled, in behalf of this Synod, to care for an additional hundred young men this coming year.
2. That we recommend our pastors to make a special effort to encourage promising boys of their churches to look forward to the gospel ministry as their life-work.

The Board of Examiners of Elmira College presented the following report. Pending its consideration, the Rev. Rufus S. Green, D. D., President of the College, addressed the Synod, by invitation.

The Examiners for Elmira College have visited the college twice during the year, besides two special visits through their chairman.

In dropping its Preparatory Department with the close of the last year, the college took a new departure, and, it is to be hoped, will enter upon a career of greater usefulness and prosperity. We would impress upon the Synod that this is *our own* college,

and under our especial care through the appointment of its Trustees and Examiners, as in no other institution. It has the honor of being the oldest of the higher colleges for women in the United States; and its thirty-eight years of successful history are the best assurance of its continued prosperity. It offers classical and scientific courses of study equal to those of our colleges for men, and also superior facilities for the study of music and art. Special attention is given to Bible study and Christian Evidences; and its graduates are prepared to teach and defend the Scriptures, and become most valuable assistants to pastors in the churches to which they belong. In English Literature and History the course of study extends over the whole four years, and gives a thorough and practical knowledge of these branches. Its graduates take rank with those of the best colleges as teachers, and are now eagerly sought by our high schools and seminaries.

Although the number of its students has not equaled that of the eastern colleges, partly because it has been weighted, from financial necessity, with its Preparatory Department, but largely because the importance of the higher education of women is not felt in our State as in New England, it has done equally good work; and it is believed that its smaller classes afford special advantages for personal culture and advancement. In this respect its religious and literary societies offer peculiar facilities, and the social fellowship of the college is one of its most delightful features. It seeks to combine a home life with the best intellectual training, and the development of a noble, Christian character.

In our recent visit to the college we were highly gratified with its class work. The testimony of one of our number, an eminent educator, was that there is "*good teaching* done at the college;" and one who has had occasion to observe its graduates said: "A peculiarity of the college is that it puts character into its students."

Ex-President Cowles, who has been connected with the college since its beginning, still teaches in the departments of philosophy and art, for which he is eminently qualified; and Professor Ford continues his masterly instruction in the sciences and astronomy. Miss Leach, the lady principal, has few equals as an instructor, and the other chairs were never more ably filled.

We particularly congratulate the Synod upon the acceptance of the presidency of the college by the Rev. Rufus S. Green, D. D., well known in the State and throughout the Church as an eloquent preacher, an experienced teacher and fine scholar, combining also with these great executive ability.

The Synod has at Elmira a plant for a college as great and useful as it shall choose to make it. The college is beautifully located, and the State Board of Health for many years has reported Elmira at the head of the cities of the State for healthfulness. Thus equipped, the college is doing the best it can with its appliances, and is worthy of our patronage and hearty commendation. We trust it has before it in the near future a great enlargement, both in numbers and in facilities. It depends largely upon us whether this shall be realized. The incoming freshman class is the largest in thirty years; and this, notwithstanding the present financial stringency. With the accession of its new President, the college is entering upon a new career of prosperity.

We bespeak from the members of the Synod a personal interest in the college, and ask them to take pains to seek out the young ladies in our congregations who are intending to enter college, and direct them to our own institution, where they will receive the highest Christian as well as literary culture. Let their names be sent at once to the president.

The college has a few scholarships which afford free tuition, and which will be given to worthy and qualified applicants. But there is need of more scholarships and of greater endowments of professorships; and we urge upon our members to lay before the men and women of wealth of their acquaintance the privilege of doing good which such investments offer. Cannot a sufficient sum be raised in a congregation, or Presbytery, to endow a church or presbyterial scholarship in the college?

It is recommended that the following be adopted:

1. It shall be the duty of the Examiners of Elmira College to visit the college at least twice a year to examine into the management of the institution, and into the quality and quantity of its instruction in all departments, and into the religious instruction and training of its students. They shall confer with the Trustees and Faculty concerning the interests of the college, and report annually to the Synod its condition and wants, and make such recommendations to the Synod as they shall consider important to the welfare of the college.

2. The Synod shall pay the traveling expenses of its Examiners, and the college shall be expected to entertain them during their visits.

3. It is also recommended that full or partial scholarships be endowed by each of the Presbyteries, and that the President, or Trustees, or Examiners, be authorized to secure such endowment.

The report was accepted, and the recommendations were adopted.

The Committee of Visitors to Hamilton College presented the following report, which was accepted, and after an address from the President of the college, the Rev. M. Woolsey Stryker, D. D., the recommendations were adopted:

Your Committee visited Clinton October 13th. Every possible courtesy was shown by the officers of the college. The Committee attended the chapel exercises in the morning, was shown through all the buildings, visited class rooms during recitation hours, interviewed students, and conferred with the President and members of the Faculty. By these means your Committee learned something of the spirit, aims and methods of this honored institution of learning. No one can pay such a visit to Hamilton College without having his faith kindled to enthusiasm. The place is full of inspiring memories, and the impression of the interest and earnestness of both Faculty and students is too strong to be resisted.

This report would emphasize especially the new vigor which has been infused into all the work of the college by the coming of President Stryker. Filled with all the noblest traditions of his Alma Mater, he is striving to realize still higher ideals, and the influence of his ability and devotion is already manifest. Without seeking the notoriety of mere numbers, or the questionable fame that results from bold and widely advertised promises, all energies are bent to the honest work of developing a broadly educated and truly Christian manhood in the students in actual attendance to-day. It is work of this kind that appeals strongly to the interest and sympathy of the Synod, and asks for such recognition and co-operation as the Synod may be able to give. Perhaps the most significant fact in connection with Hamilton College is the prominence given to the study of the Bible, of Christian Evidences, and of Christian Ethics, as a part of the regular

curriculum. Such study is required of every class during every term, a fact which distinguishes Hamilton from almost every other of the prominent colleges of our land, and should commend it with peculiar force to the Church and to the Christian community at large. As a result, in part at least, of this settled policy, Hamilton College leads all other colleges in the number of students who enter the Gospel ministry. The proportion varies, from year to year, from twenty to thirty-five and even forty per cent. of the whole number of graduates. The proportion in the last four classes, where complete data are given, is as follows: In the class of 1886, thirty-five per cent.; 1887, twenty per cent.; 1888, twenty-eight per cent.; 1889, forty per cent. This record is simply unparalleled by any other college during the same period; and when we consider the need of the Church and the world for an educated ministry, and the rapidly decreasing proportion of college men who enter the ministry, the claims of Hamilton upon the sympathy and generous support of the Church rise to commanding importance.

In view of all these facts it is recommended :

1. That this Synod congratulates Hamilton College upon the acceptance of the presidency by the Rev. M. Woolsey Stryker, D. D.
2. That the Synod expresses its unhesitating commendation of the spirit, aims and work of the college.
3. That it suggests renewed efforts to increase the endowment of the college, and to this end urges the churches to offer every facility for the presentation of the claims of the college by duly authorized agents.

The Committee on the Synodical Congress presented the following report, which was accepted, and its recommendations were adopted :

In accordance with the action of the Synod last year, the Chairmen of the Committees on the Boards of the Church, with the Chairmen of the Committees on Systematic Beneficence and Synodical Aid, met and organized as a Committee of Arrangements for the Synodical Congress. The First Church of Saratoga Springs was chosen as the place, and June 6th, 7th, and 8th, as the time for the proposed missionary gathering. Acting under the instructions of the Synod, your Committee provided for the representation at the Congress of all the organized work of the church. This necessitated an accurate division of the time, and a long programme, with which many in the Synod are familiar.

In addition to preparing the programme, your Committee found it necessary to give to each church full information as to the purpose and scope of the proposed gathering, and to urge the appointment of delegates as recommended by the Synod. This was done by means of circulars mailed to each pastor or Session, for distribution in the church. Arrangements were also made with the railroad and steamboat lines, and with the hotels and boarding houses of Saratoga, for reduced rates; and specific information concerning these arrangements was given in the circulars, while, in addition, copies of the programme were sent to each church just before the meeting of the Congress. By these means interest was awakened and a representative attendance secured.

Of the Congress itself we speak without hesitation. It was interesting, instructive, and inspiring from first to last. The testimony of all present, without exception, as far as your Committee could ascertain, was emphatic and enthusiastic as to its helpfulness. No such opportunity had ever before been given to the church to learn of the work and

needs of all the Boards; and it is significant that among those who seemed especially impressed with the importance of the Congress were the Secretaries of the Boards, some of whom said openly that they regarded it as the beginning of a new era in the life of the church, and that the example of this Synod was sure to be followed by other Synods. Notwithstanding such unqualified endorsement, we can but regard this first Missionary Congress as to a great extent experimental. Many defects in the general plan and in the specific arrangements were evident. It is enough, perhaps, that the experiment proved the practicability and the desirableness of such a gathering, leaving the Synod to correct the most manifest faults in the practical development of the plan.

As the result of its experience, your Committee suggests that if other Congresses are held, fewer objects be presented at each annual gathering, thus affording more time for prayer and informal discussion. For example: One year Home Missions might be made prominent, having associated with it the work of the Boards of Freedmen, Church Election, Publication and Sunday School Work, and the Committee on Synodical Aid. The next year Foreign Missions might be given the commanding place, having associated with it the work of the Boards of Education, Aid for Colleges, Ministerial Relief, and of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence. Some such division would correct the most evident fault of this year's Congress, a programme that was too varied and too full.

Your Committee wishes to acknowledge the gracious and generous hospitality of the First Church of Saratoga, and the important aid rendered by the pastor, the Rev. William Durant, who assumed cheerfully a large share of the work falling upon the Committee of Arrangements. While everything was done that could have been done to make the meeting at Saratoga truly representative, and while five hundred delegates from all parts of the State registered their names, still your Committee feels that the location of Saratoga, with the meagre railroad facilities offered so early in June, prevented a large attendance, and suggests that if other Congresses are held, places more central, more accessible, and more strongly Presbyterian should be selected.

Nothing, perhaps, will give a surer proof of the recognized importance of the proceedings of the Saratoga Congress, than the general desire to have these proceedings preserved in permanent form. A resolution was passed to the effect that if a sufficient number of subscribers should be secured, the Committee of Arrangements should print all papers and addresses in full. Your Committee is glad to report that the necessary number of subscriptions has been received, and regrets greatly that unavoidable delays have prevented the delivery of the book before this meeting of the Synod. All the copy is now in the printer's hands, and the work ought to be in the possession of the subscribers within a few weeks.

In view of the important reasons which led to the action of the Synod last year, and in view of the pronounced success of the first Missionary Congress, your Committee recommends:

1. That a second Missionary Congress be held during the current ecclesiastical year, under the general provisions of the action of the Synod in 1892.
2. That both the time and the place of meeting be left to the decision of the Committee of Arrangements.
3. That at this Congress the entire time be divided among the four Boards most closely identified with the work of Home Missions and the Committee on Synodical Aid.
4. That the Synod request the Presbyteries to give special consideration to the work of this Congress.

5. That the Committees of last year be continued, with the substitution of Rev. George C. Yeisley, D. D., for the Rev. Walter Laidlaw, as Chairman of the Committee on Ministerial Relief.

It was

Resolved, That the Synod heartily commends the work done in behalf of our Church in the North Woods under the supervision of the Rev. Richard G. McCarthy, and recommends to the Presbyteries of the State a cordial support of this hopeful and most necessary labor.

The Stated Clerk reported an overture from the Presbytery of Niagara, in relation to a judicial decision of the last General Assembly; also a memorial from the Presbyterian Ministerial Association of Rochester, relating to athletic exercises.

The papers were referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The following report from the Women's Board of Foreign Missions was presented and accepted:

The Women's Board of Foreign Missions has, within the precincts of the Synod, 490 Women's Societies, 479 Young Women's Societies, Bands, and Societies of Christian Endeavor. These are grouped presbyterially.

From these societies the receipts of the past year amounted to a little over \$59,000, this sum being almost entirely exclusive of contributions from the Sunday schools, and Societies of Christian Endeavor composed of older members. These, consisting of both young men and women, send their collections in accordance with the recommendations of the Assembly's Board, directly to headquarters. In addition, thirty boxes of supplies have been sent to missionaries in foreign lands.

The Board supports sixty-seven missionaries, women working in stations occupied by the Assembly's Board. These have been faithful as teachers, nurses and physicians, one woman, unaided and alone, serving really as the whole faculty of a Theological seminary. They are also interested in schools, dispensaries, Bible reading, and every agency sanctioned by the Church for carrying the light of the Gospel to the dark places of the earth.

These societies plan to promote interest in foreign missions throughout the Synod by constantly diffusing information. This is done by circulating the letters of the missionaries, 7,000 copies of which were used during the past year, and also by urging the reading of the publications of the Women's Foreign Missionary organizations of the Presbyterian Church. These consist of leaflets, and the magazines, "Woman's Work for Woman," and "Children's Work for Children," which are entirely self-supporting. But in order that the children of our Church may be better educated in regard to the duties and privileges given to us in so wonderful a manner at the present time, of sending the Gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth, it is earnestly asked that the Synod urge upon pastors and Sunday school superintendents a fuller introduction of these magazines into Sunday schools and Bible classes.

It is also asked that the Synod may be pleased to commend the work of these societies to the women and children within its bounds, for two reasons:

1. The special, urgent calls to the Church to extend its work in heathen lands, notably in Africa and the Laos country. A devoted missionary, in her twenty-fifth year of service on the dark continent, writes: "The people beg and the children cry, but we must send them away. We have no room." Again: "We have not the means to go on even as we have been doing. We must *retrench*. This cuts to the heart." It has been no unusual thing of late for the missionaries to use their own salaries to meet demands which their hearts cannot refuse, but to which our Church does not respond.

2. Because of the great success our Lord and Master has vouchsafed to each branch of this work.

"You talk about the American doctors *killing*—why, they make the dead alive." This is the testimony won for those who, following the Saviour's example, pave the way for the Gospel message by caring for the sick and suffering. One of our woman physicians attended, last year, nearly 7,000 patients, and performed over 1,000 surgical operations.

Of the pupils in our schools, by far the larger proportion graduate Christian women, ready to take their places at the heads of homes where Jesus is an abiding presence.

Of the results attending the carrying of the Bible to the women in these eastern lands, we believe the unseen fruit to be far beyond our reckoning. How many souls in timidity, in ignorance, but yet in child-like faith and trust, have accepted Christ as their Saviour, we can never know. But doors are opening everywhere, and the purdah screens uplifted, that the bringer of good tidings may come in.

In view of these facts, will the Synod sanction efforts to increase the interest in foreign missions, and to obtain fuller contributions from the women and children for the work of the coming year?

The Committee on Home Missions presented the following report, which was accepted, and its recommendations were adopted;

Without attempting to review the work of the Board during the year, or the needs of greater work which call from every side, your Committee calls the attention of the Synod to this single fact which demands immediate recognition and vigorous action.

The missionaries of the Board, agents of the Church and servants of Christ, are suffering through the inability of the Board to pay even their meagre salaries. Whatever reason may be assigned for this financial condition, however excusable the Church may be considering the commercial troubles of the past year, we cannot now shut our eyes to this urgent need; and however inopportune the attempt may seem to be, we cannot, as members of the household of faith, refuse to make an earnest and united effort to give relief. No argument is needed to impress this duty, and no zeal for the cause of Christ in the abstract can take the place of the recognition of these important and personal claims upon the Christian sympathy of the church. Therefore, without multiplying words, and without attempting to direct thought to the work of Home Missions in general, your Committee brings before the Synod the following resolutions:

1. That in view of the fact that the Home Missionaries of the Presbyterian Church are suffering through the inability of the Board to pay their salaries, the Synod of New York calls the attention of every church within its bounds to the necessity of immediate effort to repair this great wrong.

2. That the Synod hereby appoints the week ending December 10th, as a season for special prayer and self-denial in the interests of the Home Missionaries of our Church,

and that at the close of that week a Home Missionary offering shall be made which shall be emphasized as a freewill offering, altogether apart from the regular contribution of the church to the work of the Board.

3. That the Chairman of the Committee on Home Missions in every Presbytery is hereby asked and urged to bring this action of the Synod to the notice of every church in his Presbytery, and to make unusual efforts to awaken the interest of the church.

A recess was taken until half-past seven o'clock P. M.

Closed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, October 18, 7.30 o'clock P. M.

The Synod met, and after devotional services, addresses were delivered as follows: By the Rev. John Hall, D. D., on Home Missions; the Rev. Frank F. Ellinwood, D. D., one of the Secretaries of the Board, on Foreign Missions; and Chaplain Lewis Haas, on the work of the Industrial School of Rochester.

Adjourned until Thursday, at nine o'clock A. M.

Closed with prayer and the Apostolic benediction.

THURSDAY, October 19, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Synod met, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered in accordance with the arrangement.

Prayer was offered by the Moderator.

The roll was called, and the following delegates, not previously enrolled, were reported as being present:

Presbytery of Lyons: Minister—Luther A. Ostrander.

New York: Minister—Howard Duffield.

North River: Minister—John F. Williamson.

The minutes of Wednesday's sessions were read and approved.

The following minute was adopted:

Resolved, That it is the judgment of this Synod that an effort be made in the early part of December to reach every family, however slightly connected with the Presbyterian Church in the United States, with information concerning the work of the Church through its various Boards.

That in order to do this, arrangements be made with one of our large city dailies to issue a supplement of eight hundred thousand copies of four, eight, or twelve pages, as upon consultation with the secretaries of the various Boards may be found necessary to present the work of the Church in a popular form.

That the expense of the issue be met by advertisements in said supplement, and freewill offerings for the purpose, and if there happens to be any deficiency, it shall be met by the various Boards *pro rata*.

That a committee of three be appointed to carry out the provisions of these resolutions, if they meet with the approval and co-operation of the secretaries of the Boards of our Church.

The following Committee was appointed to carry out the provisions of the foregoing resolutions: *Ministers*—William H. Hubbard, George R. Cutting, James N. Crocker.

The Committee on Judicial Business reported Judicial Case No. 1, being an appeal of Elder Donald K. McLeod from a decision of the Presbytery of Boston. The Committee recommended that the appeal be found in order, and that it be referred for trial to a Judicial Commission.

The report was adopted, and the Judicial Commission was constituted as follows:

Ministers—George C. Yeisley, Daniel A. Ferguson, Edgar P. Salmon, Alexander Rankin, David McLeod, Joseph J. Lampe, Thornton M. Niven, Jr., Gerard B. F. Hallock.

Elders—John Foster, John B. Ferry, Horace Briggs, Darwin G. Eaton, Charles E. Swarthout, William R. Halbert, Andrew S. Long.

The Committee on Judicial Business also reported Judicial Case No. 2, as follows:

Judicial Case No. 2 consists of five complaints, dated in November and December, 1892, against the action of the Presbytery of New York. The first respects the status of the Prosecuting Committee, appointed by the Presbytery of New York, in the case of Rev. Charles A. Briggs, D. D., and is signed by Charles A. Briggs and five others.

The second is against the refusal of the Presbytery to sustain the first objection made by the defendant to the amended charges in the case of Rev. Charles A. Briggs, D. D., and is signed by Charles A. Briggs and Francis Brown.

The third is against the refusal of the Presbytery of New York to sustain the second objection made by the defendant to the amended charges in the case of the Rev. Charles A. Briggs, D. D., and is signed by Charles A. Briggs and Francis Brown.

The fourth is against the Presbytery for refusing, by a vote of 70 to 68, to strike out from the amended charges in the case of Rev. Charles A. Briggs, D. D., the concluding paragraph, and is signed by Charles A. Briggs and Francis Brown.

The fifth is against the action of the Presbytery, December 1, 1892, "in voting that the evidence offered by the prosecution be considered competent," and is signed by Charles A. Briggs and Francis Brown.

The Committee takes this occasion to affirm the right of all complainants in Presbyteries to ask relief of the Synod whenever they are aggrieved; and all loyal Presbyterians acknowledge the largest liberty, under our constitution and form of government, in seeking a true adjustment of their difficulties. But in this case we recommend that the complaints be dismissed for the following considerations:

The above mentioned five complaints all relate to occurrences on the two trials of Dr. Briggs by the Presbytery of New York.

The merits of that case have all been heard on appeal in two General Assemblies. In the General Assembly of 1893, the whole case was heard at great length, and a final judgment was rendered at that time, by that Assembly, covering the whole case. This, in our opinion, clearly and finally disposes of all interlocutory questions in those cases, no matter when those questions were pending.

The report was accepted, and, pending the question of adoption, the Rev. Francis Brown, D. D., one of the complainants, addressed the Synod.

The report was adopted.

The Visitors to Auburn Theological Seminary presented the following report, which was accepted:

Only four of the appointed Committee were able to be present; but these attended all the examinations and the public meetings of anniversary week. Special interest pertained to the occasion, as it was understood that Professors Hopkins and Huntington might insist, at the close of this term, on relief from their long and honorable career as Seminary instructors.

Such proved to be the case, and your Committee took pleasure in noting the warm affection with which these highly esteemed professors were regarded by all their former pupils, both under-graduates and alumni.

The examinations, as a whole, were very satisfactory. The questions were plain and searching; the answers were mostly prompt and correct. Whenever time allowed the Examiners to interpose questions, these were replied to in a creditable manner by the students, who appeared to be clear in their views, and to be well instructed in their various studies.

Sixty-six young men have attended the seminary during the past year, and have represented thirty-one different colleges or universities. Of these students, Hamilton College furnished twelve, a number three times as great as any other institution has sent to Auburn.

The Welch and Willard Memorial Building, containing six lecture rooms and a chapel, is nearly completed, and is to be occupied this autumn. Funds have been raised for endowing a President's Chair, and the new President, Dr. Henry M. Booth, has entered upon his duties. The new Professor of Church History, the Rev. Theodore W. Hopkins, has also taken his place. Dr. Hoyt has been installed as Professor of Homi-

letics, and Dr. Darling as Professor of Christian Theology. Professor Riggs now assumes the full duties of the Chair of Biblical Criticism.

Thirty-five new students have appeared for the fall term, making seventy-eight in all, and others are known to be on their way thither. This increase of twenty per cent. in the number of students, together with the added strength in the corps of instructors, and the new facilities of many kinds now available there, warrant your Committee in reporting that a new era of prosperity has begun at Auburn Seminary.

We therefore commend the institution as more deserving than ever of our confidence and support.

A recess was taken until half-past two o'clock P. M.

Closed with prayer.

THURSDAY, October 19, 2.30 o'clock P. M.

The Synod met and was opened with prayer.

The Committee appointed to collate the reports of the Examining Committees on the Records of the Presbyteries presented the following recommendation, which was adopted:

That the records of the following Presbyteries be approved as far as written: Albany, Boston, Brooklyn, Buffalo, Champlain, Chemung, Columbia, Chile, Genesee, Geneva, Hudson, Lyons, North River, North Laos, Otsego, Rochester, St. Lawrence, Troy, Utica and Westchester.

The Committee on Church Erection presented the following report, which was accepted, and its recommendations were adopted:

This is the semi-centennial year of the Board of Church Erection. Churches to the number of 5,362 have been aided. The total grants to these churches, which are located in forty-five different States and Territories, are \$3,136,625. Their church property is estimated at over \$10,000,000. This is a grand showing for a half-century of work, and should inspire us, in view of the increased and increasing calls and opportunities, to renewed activity in behalf of what may be called the right arm of Home Missions.

To-day, pressing appeals, which cannot be unheeded, come from five directions:

1. From the great West, with its vast native and immigrant population.
2. From the older towns and cities, which are unable to supply their own spiritual needs.
3. From New England, with its constant and magnificent influx of Presbyterian families from Scotland, Ulster and the Provinces.
4. From the young cities in the new South, fast rising into prominence.
5. From the older South, with its great colored population, and its large spiritual needs.

In order to meet these pressing demands, three classes of grants are made:

1. Through the General Fund for the erection of church edifices, from which 154 churches have been aided the past year to the extent of \$78,717. Besides these, worthy

applications have been rejected on account of lack of funds. This ought not to be necessary.

2. The Manse Fund assists in the erection of manses. Moneys from this permanent fund are lent to worthy churches, and 38 have received help the past year to the extent of \$15,300.

3. The Loan Fund, which has been in practical operation but one year, supplements the General Fund, and promises already to be an important feature of the Board's work. It grants loans to needy congregations at a low rate of interest, and thus enables them to complete their buildings. Nine different churches received, the past year, \$23,200 from this department.

Our Synod contributed, the past year, \$17,520 to the Board of Church Erection. This is about one-sixth of the whole amount received—\$101,643.

It drew from the fund, in grants to eight churches out of 218 aided, the sum total of \$2,400. These churches are in eight Presbyteries, as follows: Boston, Westminster Church, Fall River; Brooklyn, Arlington Avenue Chapel; Buffalo, Onoville, Indian; Niagara, Tuscarora, Indian; North River, Kingston; St. Lawrence, Brownville; Troy, Melrose; Utica, Ilion.

While we are gratified to report that our churches have paid into the treasury so much more than they have drawn out, we regret that over one-half of the churches of the Synod have made no contributions whatever to this important work. Only 445 out of our 896 churches have sent offerings. Some of them seem very small in proportion to the size and wealth of the churches. Pastors and elders have a duty in this matter, and should seek to remedy so serious an evil. The weakest churches should make some contribution, however small. The strong churches should realize that the weak churches have a claim upon their liberality.

We recommend:

1. That the Synod heartily approves the work and management of the Board of Church Erection, and commends it to the churches.

2. That it urges upon every church the importance and duty of an annual contribution, where it is possible.

3. That it emphasizes the recommendation of the General Assembly, that not less than \$150,000 be raised the present year for this Board, and that the Synod endeavor to bear its part in this advance, and in the liquidation of the Board's present debt of some \$35,000, that thus the semi-centennial year may be the beginning of a new era of still larger and grander work.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly presented the following report which was adopted:

On page 152, the Assembly directs this Synod to send up all the papers relating to the Assembly's Judicial Case No. 2 to the next General Assembly, and to appoint one or more of its members to represent it at the Assembly.

Your Committee recommends that Rev. George C. Yeisley, D. D., Rev. T. Ralston Smith, D. D., and Rev. David Torrey, D. D., be appointed to present all the papers in the case, and to represent this Synod at the next meeting of the General Assembly in their consideration of said Judicial Case No. 2.

The Committee on the Observance of the Lord's Day presented the following report, which was accepted, and its recommendations were adopted :

In no year of our national history has the question of Sabbath Observance commanded so wide-spread and absorbing an interest as the one just past. This has largely been due to the relation of the question to the Columbian Exposition. For many months the whole subject was discussed in the pulpit, by the press, and upon the platform. As a result, certain of the States and the general government enacted laws respecting the observance of the Sabbath in connection with the World's Fair. Repeated and earnest efforts were made to repeal or modify these laws, yet with little or no success.

These various movements were only preparatory to the final struggle. They were only skirmishes before the battle. All eyes were turned upon Chicago as the field of final conflict : as the deciding Waterloo. There all forces and influences were massed. There the battle raged in the councils of the directors and commissioners of the Exposition. Long and heated arguments were advanced for and against the opening of the gates of the Fair on the Lord's Day. The conflict was exceedingly doubtful. Sometimes victory seemed to perch on one banner, then on the other. After weary weeks of waiting, hoping and doubting, the enemies of the Sabbath triumphed; but only triumphed by the sacrifice of solemn business obligations and sacred honor.

As a result, the gates of the World's Fair stood open on the Lord's Day, giving full opportunity to the toiling thousands to rush in. But to the astonishment of all, no vast streams of humanity poured through those open portals. The working classes went their accustomed ways, and not to the great Exposition. Attendance upon it on the Sabbath was insignificant as compared with other days. The receipts were not sufficient to meet the expenses of Sunday opening. These stubborn facts deeply impressed the commissioners, and impelled them to a show of virtue in ordering the gates of the Exposition to be closed on the Lord's Day. While legal complications have prevented such closing, yet through all these months it has been clearly demonstrated that the people of this land have not needed and have not desired the opening of the World's Fair on the Lord's Day.

In all this, God has made the wrath of man to praise him. Out of wicked scheming and mercenary motives he has gotten glory to his name and to his day. In a most conspicuous and emphatic manner he has vindicated the holy Sabbath, and has put to shame and confusion those who would have devoted it to worldly pleasure and gain. For this timely and glorious victory we return to him devout, sincere and hearty thanks.

The International Sunday Rest Congress has just adjourned in Chicago. It was one of the most important of the many moral and religious congresses recently held in that city. Able papers and addresses were given, all bearing upon certain phases of the Sabbath question. These are most valuable contributions to the discussion respecting the preservation of the Sabbath as a day of worship and rest. We shall hail with pleasure their appearance in substantial printed form, and hope they will have wide distribution.

Attention is called to an extensive movement now in progress, the object of which is to secure by Act of Congress a better observance of the Sabbath as a rest day. It is proposed to repeal the only Act of Congress by which Sunday mails are allowed. This Act was passed in 1810, and is considered unconstitutional. If it can be repealed, then

it is proposed to substitute something similar to the Blair Sunday Rest Bill. Should this effort succeed, it would result in stopping Sunday trains, in preventing wide distribution of Sunday newspapers, and in closing the post-offices on the Lord's Day. Many railway and government employes are signing petitions in favor of such legislation. Many eminent jurists and business men are giving this movement the weight of their approval and influence. Surely it is worthy of the sanction and co-operation of the Christian Church.

It is confidently expected that during the coming winter a determined effort will be made in the Legislature of this State so to modify the Excise laws as to legalize the opening of the saloons on the Lord's Day. This is the objective point of the liquor men. It is the goal toward which they constantly press. And they can only be prevented from reaching it by constant vigilance and effort on the part of the friends of the Sabbath; by meeting and defeating them in the halls of legislation.

The law-abiding, moral and religious people are coming more fully to realize the dangers which threaten the Sabbath, and the responsibility devolving upon them to defend it. They are awaking to the fact that one of the most effective agencies in such defence is their own personal conduct. Hence many of them are coming to a more conscientious observance of the Sabbath; to a more careful avoidance of travelling, pleasure seeking, and secular reading on that day. It has been encouraging to notice the action of many of the young people's societies in relation to the Sunday opening of the Columbian Exposition. In their conventions, they took a high, firm and emphatic position against such desecration of the Lord's Day. All this augurs well for the future. It gives promise that the coming men and women of the Church will earnestly contend for the preservation and the perpetuation of the Sabbath; that at least they themselves will remember it to keep it holy.

Your Committee has been unable to accomplish the work assigned it, especially the distribution of literature respecting Sabbath observance. It has had no funds at its disposal, and had no authority or power for securing them. The Committee has not felt itself financially able to undertake such work; yet it is of the opinion that if such work can be done, it would result in great good to the churches and to the cause of Sabbath observance.

The Committee recommends:

1. That our Presbyteries be requested to hold popular meetings in the interests of Sabbath observance, at their spring sessions.
2. That pastors be requested to present to their people the subject of Sabbath observance, on the Lord's Day following the spring meeting of the Presbyteries.
3. That we approve of the work now doing by the American Sabbath Union in behalf of the better observance of the Lord's Day, and promise it our sympathy and co-operation.
4. That a new Committee on the observance of the Lord's Day be appointed, and that the members of it be so located as to render their meeting together convenient and inexpensive.

The Committee on Judicial Business reported Judicial Case No. 3 as follows:

Judicial Case No. 3 is a complaint against the action and decision of the Presbytery of New York, June 12, 1893, in sustaining, by a vote of 50 to 42, the ruling of the

Moderator, declaring to be in order a certain paper submitted by the Rev. Francis Brown, D. D. This complaint is signed by Rev. Charles S. Robinson, D. D., and thirty-one others. The complaint is in order, but the Committee has since received a request, signed by the same persons, asking permission of the Synod to withdraw the said complaint. The Committee recommends that this request be granted.

The recommendation was adopted, and the complaint was withdrawn.

The Committee on Foreign Missions presented the following report, which was accepted, and its recommendations were adopted :

Immediately upon the adjournment of the last session, believing that our efforts would prove effective only as far as we should come into contact with the Foreign Mission Committees of the Presbyteries, and reach the churches and pastors through them, we began to make the necessary preparations for a conference of the chairmen. Our hope was that such a conference would arouse greater interest in the cause, and lead to the adoption of better means and methods of organizing and executing the work throughout the boundaries of the Synod. This plan received the hearty endorsement and support of the Presbyteries generally, and when the Conference came together it was found that eighteen of the thirty-one Presbyteries of the Synod had sent representatives.

The Conference was one of exceptional interest and power, and was pervaded with a spirit of profound, prayerful, practical earnestness. Opinions were interchanged, experiences given, methods compared and discussed, criticisms presented, suggestions offered, and questions propounded and answered, and all with a freedom, frankness and sincerity that gave the deliberations a kindly temper, and rendered the decision arrived at in the end the most practical, comprehensive and representative. It is only reasonable to believe that much of the advance which the Synod has made the past year along the line of Foreign Missionary interest has been due, directly or indirectly, to the work and influence of this conference. The increase in the annual offering to this cause, and the decrease in the number of non-contributing churches, the multiplication and improvement of methods on the part of the individual churches, and the inauguration of Foreign Missionary departments by so many organizations of the Church that hitherto have stood aloof from the work, as if it had no claim upon them, are, as your Committee is emboldened to think, partially the outcome of the Foreign Mission Conference held under its auspices, last December, in New York.

As a report of this Conference was printed and sent to every minister of the Synod, it is enough to say that so unanimous and enthusiastic was the testimony of all who were in attendance upon it, as to its value and helpfulness, that it is the purpose of the Committee to make this an annual feature of its work. If the Synod wills, therefore, a similar Conference will be convened at an early date. It seems advisable that it should be held at a more central point, that more time should be given to the discussions, and that, if possible, all the expenses of the delegates should be provided for beforehand by private subscription. We appeal for the support and co-operation of every Presbytery and every pastor of this Synod. If these are given as generously and as genuinely as they were last year, the success of the Conference is already assured.

But while this has been the principal work of the year, it represents only one line of our activities. With the same purpose in view, we have apportioned the territory of the Synod among the twelve members of the Committee, giving to each two Presbyteries as

the field that should come under his immediate supervision, and for whose interest in the work he should feel himself personally responsible. In this way the Committee has put itself into communication and contact with the several Presbyterian Committees on Foreign Missions, not with a desire to sit as censor over their work, but for the purpose of giving any assistance that might be practicable, and, in a kindly, fraternal way, of seeking to quicken their interest, multiply their facilities, and increase their usefulness.

Another plan which we have set on foot, though not yet matured, is the formation of a bureau of missionary speakers for the use of the pastors and Presbyterian Committees of the Synod. We believe, of course, that most of the speaking on Foreign Missions should be done by the pastor himself, and that, all things being equal, this will bring the largest results. But there are times when the voice of a returned missionary, or of a brother minister who sees the object from a different angle and has a different way of presenting its claims, will supplement a pastor's efforts, and make them the more likely to yield their proper returns. To find such a helper is often the most difficult thing a pastor has to do, especially if his charge is far removed from the great centers of population; and it is to meet this need that we are seeking to prepare a list of speakers who can be secured upon due notice, and can be depended upon to perform acceptable and valuable service.

There is another hope which we are permitting ourselves to indulge, and to the fulfillment of which we should be glad to make some substantial contribution. This is the appointment of a Synodical Secretary who should have charge of the Foreign Missionary work in the State in some such a way as the present Field Secretary of the Board attends to its interests in the West. That our Board should have such an agent in every State no one who knows the facts in the case will dispute. That the General Assembly cannot provide such secretaries is also apparent. This duty must devolve upon the Synods, and our hope is, that the necessary fund for the employment of such an official in this State will soon be provided, and that the Synod of the Empire State, which the country always looks to for leadership, may be willing to try the experiment. To make the trial, in our judgment, would be to adopt the plan. We do not, however, make any recommendation. We simply advise the Synod that we are turning our thoughts and our hopes in this direction.

So much for what has been done. Now, what shall be done the coming year? Much more than usual will have to be done, if the Foreign Missions are even to hold their own. The approaching winter will be a trying one for the religious as well as the secular world. The Boards of our Church will probably be the first to suffer as a result of the present financial stringency. Certain it is, that unless unprecedented efforts are made, the Church can never raise the sum appropriated by the last General Assembly, a sum of \$200,000 more than we have contributed before, even in the most flourishing times. Your committee feels the additional responsibility which this fact entails, and pledges itself to give increased thought, prayer and labor this year to the cause which in this State has been committed to its care.

It would remind itself and the Church that the primary accent is to be put upon prayer. We do not pray enough for this object. We do not make enough of prayer in our presentation of it to the people. Our talk is mostly of giving. If the Church would go to its knees this winter, the treasurer of our Board would never know that there were hard times.

Next to prayer in the order of importance must come agitation. Agitation is always

the forerunner of interest and popularity; and if we would create a sentiment for Foreign Missions, we must keep it persistently before the Church.

There can be no healthy agitation, however, without imparting proper instruction, and this, therefore, should come next. The people are fearfully ignorant upon this subject. The majority is either uninformed or misinformed with regard to Foreign Missions. People need to be educated; they must be given the facts; and when the facts are given, their hearts and their pockets will both open to the cause of Foreign Missions.

Organization is another solemn duty which is laid upon us. It is the watchword of the world to-day. Why should it not be the watchword of the Church? It must be. Organization implies two things: co-operation in work and distribution of work, and these are two of the greatest needs which the Church has to-day. And last, as the culmination and the resultant of all, there must be collection, the gathering in of the nets—every net, the smaller and the larger, the net of the congregation proper, and the net of each separated and secondary organization of the Church. Prayer, agitation, instruction, organization, collection,—this is the order. Let the Church follow it this year, and the result will be that though the world's treasures may lessen and fail, the treasures of the Church will multiply and fill.

Your Committee offers the following recommendations:

1. That the Presbyteries of the Synod be urged to give Foreign Missions more practical thought and attention. Instead of hurrying over the subject as merely an item of routine business, it should be treated as one of the most important topics upon the docket, and a special effort should be made to bring it into prominence at every stated meeting. Greater care should also be exercised in the selection of the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions, effort being made to appoint only those who have special interest in the object, and are best fitted because of their executive qualities for a work of organization and direction, such as that which the Foreign Mission Committee has to do.

2. That the churches be urged to bring the object more immediately into the foreground. The taking of one collection a year is the only attention which Foreign Missions receives in some quarters, and for this reason, as much as any other, the collection is neither proportionate nor representative. The plan of appointing an annual Missionary week or Missionary day, when all the services of the Church shall partake of a missionary character, and all the organizations, from the primary department of the Sunday School, shall make a separate offering, is strongly recommended.

3. That the pastors of the Synod be urged to give Foreign Missions a larger place in their programme, to preach upon it as often as it shall be at all practicable, to make the monthly concert a more conspicuous feature of the social services of the Church, to organize more completely the societies that are already committed to the furtherance of this cause, and wherever it may be advisable to inaugurate new ones; in short, by every means possible, directly and indirectly, along regular or incidental lines, to seek to develop among their people the healthful, generous, evangelical spirit of Foreign Missions.

4. That all the societies of our churches be urged to include Foreign Missions within the object and scope of their work, organizing a Foreign Mission department where one is not already in existence, and planning to make at least one contribution a year directly to the Board.

5. That every member of every church within the Synod be urged to consecrate

himself to the work of missions, enlisting for service when that may be possible, but, in any case, giving statedly and proportionately to the work, co-operating with the societies that are engaged in furthering its interests in the churches with which they affiliate, and never failing to remember it and its representatives and agencies at the throne of the Heavenly Grace.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported the following papers, and its recommendations were severally adopted :

1. An Overture from the Presbytery of Westchester relating to French Protestant churches within our bounds.

It is recommended that the Synod express its approval of the effort to win these French Protestants ; but that, for specific action, it refer the whole subject to those Presbyteries within whose bounds these people live, and also to our Synodical Aid Committee.

2. A Memorial concerning the church at Newport, R. I.

It is recommended that this Memorial be favorably referred to our Board of Church Erection.

3. A Paper relating to the taxation of church property.

It is recommended, that in the understanding of the Synod, by the law of 1892, manse were exempt from taxation to the amount of \$2,000, and by the laws of 1893 they are probably entirely exempt.

4. An Overture from the Presbytery of Niagara relating to a judicial decision of the last General Assembly.

It is recommended that the following answer be returned :

The Synod, not regarding its prerogatives, or those of its Presbyteries, or of individuals submitting thereto, as encroached upon by the late General Assembly, discovers no occasion for any special vindication of the same.

The Committee on the Observance of the Lord's Day was appointed as follows :

Ministers—N. Beall Remick, L. Mason Clarke, Samuel Dunham, Stanley B. Roberts.

Elders—Timothy Hough, Franklin Edgerton, Richard H. Bloom.

The Committee on the Board of Aid for Colleges and Academies presented the following report which was accepted, and its recommendations were adopted :

Your Committee desires to join heartily in the congratulations of the Church at large to this efficient Board, on its completion of ten years of splendid service rendered to the cause of Christ in its institutions of learning. Those of us who attended the Synodical Congress held last June, celebrated the tenth anniversary of the founding of this Board, and we recall with gratitude its achievements in the first decade of its history.

We lamented as we remembered our loss in the removal by death of that honored Secretary, the late Rev. Dr. Hervey D. Ganse ; but we took courage as we saw the vigorous activity, business-like ability, and wise administration of the Board's affairs under the leadership of the present efficient Secretary, Rev. Dr. Edward C. Ray. This

Board is proving to be a right arm of our beloved Board of Home Missions. Its object is, as most of us know, to plant and foster in the right places, our Church's proportion of American Christian Colleges. Its field is the whole continent west of Ohio.

In these days of intense agitation in matters educational, especially in the West, it inspires in those who are giving of their hard earned incomes, confidence and satisfaction to know that this Board aids such institutions only as make the Word of God a part of their curriculum; where all the instruction is distinctively Christian; where all the influences are most ennobling; and where every wise, loving pressure is brought to bear to lead the students to seek "first the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness," thereby being sure that "all other things" shall be added to their equipment. They aim to educate the whole man. Herbert Spencer's five objects of education, regarded from a certain point of view, may help to equip a man for life's struggle, but they are insufficient and incomplete, because the higher life is untouched, and, as one puts it, "makes the restraints of culture a rope of sand."

Our grand old Presbyterian Church stands, first, to make a man every inch a man, who stands four square to every wind that blows, by developing him into a complete, fully equipped and educated Christian manhood. This is the work which our youngest Board is striving to make possible in the youth of our western homes. Its beneficent aid reaches out in ever widening circles. As its sphere of usefulness is enlarged, the responsibility of the whole Church towards it increases proportionately. The Board ensures denominational control over the institutions which it aids. This means much.

Let us look for a moment at some of its achievements during the past ten years. The first year the property of the aided institutions amounted to \$337,100, the last year it amounted to \$1,407,933; the Board holds mortgages on the property of institutions amounting to \$129,624, covering property valued at \$630,121; the first year the institutions aided by the Board had under their instructions 1,001 students, and last year 4,002. During ten years the Board has helped in the instruction of 29,763 students, and of this number 12,050 were church members, 1,688 gave evidence of their conversion, and 1,366 declared their intention to preach the Gospel. The first year the Board reported receipts to the amount of \$14,910, and last year receipts are reported to the amount of \$75,134. The total for the ten years reaches the splendid sum of over three-fourths of a million, or \$834,128. The average for the ten years thus appears to be more than \$80,000. In the words of the General Assembly's Committee report, the Church which we represent is committed by every tradition and by a glorious history, to a thorough Christian education.

Christian academies and colleges are a significant part of the life of the Presbyterian Church. The College and the Church have been closely allied in all its history. The Church has sanctified the College, and the College has done great things for the Church. We nurture schools of learning because we would qualify, with a religious education, men and women who will devote their lives and attainments to the spread of the Gospel, and to the saving of the world through the Church. But what are we as a Synod doing for this Board? We stand fifth in our gifts among the Synods of the land. With 170,122 members, we gave last year \$21,457, less than 13 cents per member for the year, or less than one fourth of a cent per member each Lord's Day. Our Committee has taken at random such leading Presbyteries as Albany, Boston, Brooklyn, Geneva, Hudson, and New York. Only a little over sixty per cent. of the churches of these Presbyteries are giving anything. Certainly we can better this record. Once in

possession of the facts, the needs and claims of the Board, and with the work clearly before the members of our churches, we are sure that a larger percentage of them would contribute to this work.

The General Assembly asks for \$150,000 for this Board during the coming year. This can easily be raised, if every member will give as much as the average of the present givers. And we appeal earnestly to Ministers to ensure to this Board its merited support.

It is recommended :

1. That we reaffirm the spirit of the resolutions of the Assembly, and commend this Board to the generous support of the churches.
2. That each pastor place before his people annually the claims of this Board, and secure an appropriation to it, and that he distribute among his congregation the literature which the Board gratuitously furnishes.
3. That effort be made to place this Synod, which is the second largest in our Church, nearer the fore-front in its gifts to this most worthy object.

The Committee on Ministerial Relief presented the following report, which was accepted, and its recommendation was adopted :

There appear to be but three things necessary to be brought to the attention of the Synod: The present condition of the Board, its requirements for the current year, and how to meet these requirements.

The General Assembly has, within recent years, enlarged the number of those who have a rightful claim upon the Board of Relief, by including women who have served five years under the Home and Foreign Boards, lay missionaries appointed by the Foreign Board, and all honorably retired ministers over 70 years of age, who need assistance, having served the Church thirty years in the aggregate. This action has enlarged the roll of the Board's beneficiaries; and the increased attention of the Presbyteries to the claims of those within their bounds who are entitled to assistance has also added to the number. Ten years ago the number upon the roll was 498, and the average appropriation was \$117, the total appropriation being \$88,002. Last year the number was 722, the average, \$211, and the total, \$152,492.

The amount received for current use last year was \$99,278, besides interest from permanent funds, \$64,515. The whole amount received from contributions, legacies and interest was \$269,743. The amount of the permanent fund is \$1,304,872.

As to its present situation, well may the Board say in its report: "It is a cause of devout thankfulness that the Board, in answer to the increased applications of Presbyteries, were enabled to send promptly, and in full, every appropriation asked for, that came within the lines of administration laid down for the Board by the General Assembly."

What is required for the present year? If there should be no addition to the number recommended to the Board during the last year, and if the amount heretofore appropriated should suffice for the needs of the beneficiaries, then nothing more is required than that the income of last year should be equalled in the present. But it must be borne in mind that the number of beneficiaries is increasing each year, that the annual contributions have been decreasing for several years, and that the present business depression and financial stringency will doubtless cut off sources of income, upon which many have

relied for a modest support in their declining years, and will, moreover, lessen the ability of many who have always been contributors. So that it is imperatively required that every church should contribute something to this object, and that persons who are able should increase their donations, to make up for the inability of those whom God has deprived of the means of giving as they would desire.

How shall these requirements be met? The answer is a simple one: Bring the facts to the knowledge of the churches, and the response will be prompt and liberal as the needs require. Surely such a cause needs no argument and no appeal.

It is recommended:

That, in view of the need of larger income during the present year, the Presbyteries are urged to prompt and earnest efforts to secure a contribution from each church, and an increase of the whole amount of donations to the Board of Ministerial Relief.

The Committee to Nominate Visitors to Colleges and other institutions of learning reported, recommending the following appointments, and the recommendation was adopted:

ADAMS COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE: *Ministers*—M. Woolsey Stryker, Rufus S. Green, Gerard B. F. Hallock, Asher B. Temple, George Bayless; *Elders*—Lewis B. Howe, Timothy Hough, John Foster.

AUBURN SEMINARY: *Ministers*—John Hall, Anson J. Upton, Nelson Millard, William S. Hubbell, J. Wilford Jacks; *Elders*—Horace B. Silliman, Kiliaen Van Rensselaer, Joshua S. Helmer.

HAMILTON COLLEGE: *Ministers*—Henry H. Stebbins, George C. Yeisley, William Reed, Martin D. Kneeland, Henry Ward; *Elders*—John N. Beach, Theodore S. Hubbard, Seabury S. Gould.

UNIVERSITY OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK: *Ministers*—William G. T. Shedd, Samuel D. Alexander, John R. Davies, George W. F. Birch, James C. Nightingale; *Elders*—Moses W. Dodd, Daniel J. Holden, John Stewart.

The Committee of Visitors to Adams Collegiate Institute presented the following report, which was accepted, and its recommendations were adopted:

The Committee submits the following report, made to the Chairman by Professor Arthur S. Hoyt:

"I had the pleasure of preaching the annual sermon before the graduating class, June 18, and gave such attention to the Institution and its needs as the short visit would admit. The graduating class numbered eighteen, and the young people seemed bright and interesting. In the face of poverty and very imperfect means, the school has maintained a good standing as to scholarship and attendance, and, with increased facilities, it might command for itself a much larger place in Northern New York."

Your Committee supposed, mistakenly perhaps, that its function was fulfilled when a reliable report, like the above, of the current life of the Institution had been made to the Synod. However, there is a growing and reasonable desire to have the question of the purchase and control of the Institute settled definitely and finally. Mr. D. A. Dwight writes: "We only ask an endowment that will insure proper protection

for the property, and eventually raise the school to an independent position, as, no doubt, when once commenced, the endowment will be properly increased. What amount that will require, I cannot say, perhaps, as well as you. We shall be satisfied with any amount that will secure that desired end. When forced to name a sum, I have said \$30,000; but that is not like the laws of the Medes and Persians, that alter not."

Prof. Hoyt writes: "Without doubt, the school is needed. But whether it shall be a local matter—a union school or academy—or grow into decided importance as a fitting-school for college, will depend upon its relation to some religious body. It cannot gain the commanding place without large endowment. The sum mentioned by Mr. Dwight as necessary for the Synod to secure the property and put it in proper condition, is \$30,000. And another \$30,000 would certainly be demanded for endowment."

A Presbyterian layman of Watertown writes: "It seems desirable for our Church to control an academy in Northern New York, to co-operate with Hamilton College and Auburn Seminary; but the Synod may not find it easy to raise the money for endowment. Anyway, it is due Mr. Dwight that the matter be decided, so that he may know what to do. Persons in Adams and Watertown have contributed to clear the academy of all indebtedness."

Another letter, from a competent authority, states: "Mr. Dwight feels that if the denomination is ever to take the school under its care, it should be done now. He has been agitating the subject for a long time, and the limit has now been reached. It is now or never with him. It certainly is not right for us, as a Church, to spend our money in organizing feeble colleges and academies in the West, while a thoroughly equipped academy goes from our care right under our very noses."

Such are the facts and impressions gathered from several sources. Your Committee, especially in the face of the present financial stress, dares not recommend to the Synod the assumption of the responsibility involved in a resolution to purchase the property, nor does it feel justified in recommending a retreat from the open and offered field. All must be left to the wisdom of the Synod. But the following resolutions are cordially recommended:

1. That we admire the patience, the persistency and the persevering generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight, a disposition deserving the response which we wish the Synod felt warranted in giving.

2. That we commend the fidelity of Principal Rhodes, and those associated with him in the government and tuition of the Institute, and would afford them every possible encouragement.

It was

Resolved, That the Synod approves the purchase of Adams Collegiate Institute, and designates the Rev. Messrs. Allen Macy Dulles and Richard G. Keyes, and Elder Talcott H. Camp, a Special Committee, to report to the Synod next year some practical plan for securing funds sufficient to make this property the property of the Synod.

It was

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be requested to consider the propriety of increasing the annual salaries of the Clerks of the Synod.

On the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, the following were appointed

THE WOMAN'S SYNODICAL COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

Presbytery of Albany—Mrs. Henry March, Mrs. William J. Milne, Mrs. Isaac V. W. Grant, Miss Mary G. Rice, Mrs. Lucy C. Lester, Miss Helen S. Wells, Mrs. William N. Strong, Mrs. David N. Kirk, Mrs. Stephen Sanford, Mrs. Maria S. Dewey, Miss Carrie I. Fowler.

Binghamton—Mrs. Howard Elmer, Mrs. G. Parsons Nichols, Miss Ida F. Storrs, Miss Editha Stevens, Mrs. Charles Gale, Mrs. Josiah S. Leverett, Mrs. James W. Manier.

Boston—Miss Jennie F. McKissick, Mrs. James A. F. McBain, Miss Fanny G. Bray, Mrs. John P. Newell, Mrs. Eben M. McPherson, Miss Jennie H. Irving, Mrs. Sidney S. Conger.

Brooklyn—Mrs. Darwin R. James, Mrs. James M. Ham, Mrs. David M. Miller, Mrs. Delos E. Finks, Mrs. W. A. M. Grier, Mrs. Lewis R. Foote, Mrs. James Cruikshank, Mrs. George H. Pilsbury, Miss Ella McKee, Miss Helen M. Wells, Mrs. Isaac M. Thatcher, Miss Annie G. Atkins.

Buffalo—Mrs. Henry Childs, Mrs. Louis M. Kimball, Mrs. William H. Walker, Mrs. William F. Wheeler, Mrs. Fred. R. Eaton, Mrs. James N. Adam, Mrs. John C. Bryant, Mrs. Joseph W. Grosvenor, Mrs. Alfred Haines.

Cayuga—Mrs. Levi T. Hamilton, Mrs. William H. Hubbard, Mrs. Henry G. Wise, Mrs. Edward P. Sprague, Mrs. Ezra A. Huntington, Mrs. Lydia B. Welch, Mrs. Mary C. Elliott.

Champlain—Mrs. Joseph Gamble, Mrs. Laura M. Nye, Miss Nellie Hopkins, Mrs. Charles L. Knapp, Miss Williamine S. Childs, Mrs. Charles S. Judd, Miss Mary E. Whiteside.

Chemung—Mrs. Alexander O. Peloubet, Miss Harriet Ely, Mrs. Henry W. Strang, Mrs. Allen F. DeCamp, Mrs. Alonzo W. Gray, Mrs. Leslie Gregg, Mrs. Theodore L. Minier.

Columbia—Mrs. George C. Yeisley, Mrs. Benjamin Way, Miss Alice Day, Mrs. Charles Stedman, Mrs. Rufus King, Mrs. Edward Stratton, Mrs. George LeFevre, Mrs. Jere. Day.

Genesee—Mrs. Cassius H. Dibble, Mrs. Gardner Fuller, Mrs. John Wickes, Miss Fannie J. Buxton, Mrs. John C. Long, Mrs. Butler Ward, Mrs. Augustus Frank, Miss Minerva E. Rogers, Miss Mary A. Ives, Miss Lucinda E. Rawson, Mrs. Hannah M. Hutton.

Geneva—Mrs. Thompson C. Maxwell, Miss Helen A. Hawley, Mrs. Benjamin F. Pritchard, Mrs. Edwin H. Dickinson, Mrs. Nahum Grimes, Mrs. John S. Niles, Mrs. Anna Herendeen, Mrs. Helen D. Willard.

Hudson—Mrs. Charles Beattie, Mrs. Alfred Neafie, Mrs. Thomas Nichols, Mrs. Mary S. Marsh, Mrs. David F. Bonner, Mrs. Alexander Thompson, Mrs. Charles S. Kinney.

Long Island—Mrs. Epher Whitaker, Miss Mary H. Howell, Mrs. Phebe R. Reilley, Miss Amelia Smith, Mrs. William H. Littell, Miss Sarah J. Adams, Mrs. Edgar Wade.

Lyons—Mrs. Horace Eaton, Mrs. A. Parke Burgess, Mrs. Phebe A. Vary, Miss B. B. Ryerson, Miss Mary A. Aldrich, Mrs. Russell F. Stoddard.

Nassau—Mrs. J. R. Mowbray, Mrs. Peter D. Oakey, Mrs. Samuel T. Carter, Miss Florence N. McCormick, Mrs. Alexander G. Russell, Mrs. Charles Park, Mrs. M. Eloise Fosdick.

New York—Mrs. John Sinclair, Mrs. William F. Lee, Mrs. George D. Phelps, Mrs. Edward N. Crosby, Mrs. William H. Wickham, Miss Mary T. McGill, Mrs. A. B. Browning, Miss Jennie A. Ramsey, Mrs. Kiliaen Van Rensselaer, Mrs. Silas B. Brownell, Mrs. Newton Ammerman, Miss S. F. Lincoln, Mrs. John C. Martin, Mrs. Oscar E. Boyd, Mrs. William C. Roberts, Mrs. Henry Cole Smith.

Niagara—Mrs. Daniel Clarke, Mrs. Robert Norton, Mrs. George S. Hutchinson, Mrs. Joshua S. Helmer, Mrs. Claudius L. Hoag, Mrs. Edward H. Rudd, Miss Anna King, Miss Nellie Todd.

North River—Mrs. Hector Craig, Miss Anna S. Ludlum, Miss Emma G. Wheeler, Mrs. LeRoy C. Cooley, Mrs. Myra V. W. Brinkerhoff, Miss Mary F. Mackie.

Otsego—Miss Catharine Roseboom, Mrs. James H. Robinson, Miss Mary L. Abell, Mrs. William F. Wilson, Mrs. Elihu Phinney, Mrs. Leonard E. Richards, Mrs. C. Edward Fay.

Rochester—Mrs. William Alling, Mrs. Louis Chapin, Mrs. Josiah E. Kittredge, Miss Frances E. Lauderdale, Mrs. Carrie E. West, Mrs. Julia M. Davis, Mrs. Edward Bristol, Mrs. Helen S. Sylvester, Mrs. Theodore Chester.

St. Lawrence—Mrs. L. Merrill Miller, Mrs. Charles Anthony, Miss Elizabeth A. Clarke, Mrs. Henry C. Deane, Mrs. Lewis R. Webber, Miss P. F. Hubbard, Mrs. Alonzo A. Smith, Mrs. George H. Sweet.

Steuben—Mrs. Frances A. Williams, Miss Mary Lockhart, Mrs. Joel D. Gillette, Mrs. Stanley C. Swift, Mrs. George W. Nichols, Mrs. William H. Rice, Mrs. Edson H. Keller, Mrs. Russell M. Tuttle, Mrs. Albert S. Cook.

Syracuse—Mrs. Allen Butler, Mrs. Nancy E. Dow, Mrs. H. A. Allen, Mrs. William M. Smith, Mrs. Chauncey Bronson, Mrs. Lucia Phillips, Mrs. Abby M. Bond, Mrs. DeWitt Gardner, Mrs. Edward Abeel, Mrs. Orson L. White, Mrs. James W. Eager, Mrs. Margaret R. Cowan.

Troy—Mrs. Edward N. Dauchy, Miss Elizabeth A. S. Eddy, Mrs. Robert H. McClellan, Miss Lucy H. Sherman, Mrs. Heman Goodman, Mrs. William W. Rockwell, Mrs. Howard L. Waldo, Mrs. Richard H. Ward, Mrs. L. H. Dennis, Miss Alice B. Wend.

Utica—Mrs. John C. Gallup, Miss Sarah E. Gilbert, Mrs. George Curran, Miss Helen C. Blue, Miss Adeline Loomis, Mrs. Jonathan B. Morse, Mrs. M. Woolsey Stryker, Miss Mary B. Hudson, Mrs. Judson G. Kilbourne, Mrs. Frank W. Townsend, Mrs. Timothy Parker.

Westchester—Mrs. Thornton M. Niven, Jr., Miss Olivia B. Walsh, Mrs. Sanford R. Knapp, Mrs. Mary Randall, Miss Cornelia B. Wheeler, Miss Mary Parsons, Mrs. Alfred F. Avery, Mrs. Helen C. Parsons.

The Committee appointed to collate the reports of the Examining Committees on the Records of the Presbyteries, presented the following additional recommendations, which were adopted :

1. That the Records of the Presbytery of Binghamton be approved as far as written, with the exception, that on p. 276 there is a record of a minister having been received into the Presbytery from another denomination, without being present for examination.

2. That the Records of the Presbytery of Cayuga be approved as far as written, with the following exception:

That on page 461 it is said, "The following resolution was unanimously adopted, viz:

Resolved, That this Presbytery views with apprehension any action of the General Assembly which seems to make new dogma by deliverance or judicial decision; and expresses its firm conviction that no doctrinal statement which is not explicitly contained in the Confession of Faith and Catechisms of the Church, or constitutionally made a part thereof by due process of overture through the Presbyteries, can be binding on its office-bearers."

Concerning this resolution the Committee recommends that the Presbytery of Cayuga be informed,

(1.) That deliverances of the General Assembly in the way of reproof, warning and bearing testimony against error in doctrine, are to be loyally received as the sentiment of the entire Church which the Assembly represents.

(2.) That doctrinal statements made by the General Assembly are not to be regarded in the light of new dogmas, but as authoritative interpretations of received doctrine.

(3.) That such definitions of doctrine made by the General Assembly in judicial cases are binding on all our office-bearers.

3. That the Records of the Presbytery of New York, in vol. 14, being the record of meetings from November 4, 1891, until and including December 30, 1892, be approved as to form of record. But attention is called to a confusion in the record of meetings held December 8 and 12, 1892, in that recess on the 7th of December is recorded until Tuesday the 13th. Then follows a record of a regular legislative meeting Dec. 12, and that is followed by the record of a meeting after recess on Dec. 8, and from that meeting a recess is recorded as taken until Dec. 13.

The record of the trial of the Rev. Dr. Charles A. Briggs is contained in this volume, but the case having been adjudicated by the General Assembly, it is recommended that the Synod take no action upon the record.

It is recommended that the record in vol. 15, from February 13 to October 2, 1893, be approved as to form, with exception to the act of the Moderator of the Presbytery of New York on June 12, 1893, in ruling that a certain memorial of Dr. Brown was in order, and to the act of the Judicatory sustaining such ruling. The memorial in question sought to criticise and review the action of the General Assembly in the Briggs case. It was clearly out of order for a loyal Judicatory so to do. It was an inferior court.

Also to the act of the Presbytery in not yielding obedience at once to the direction of the General Assembly. The judgment of the Assembly was sent down to the Presbytery of New York, and was read in Presbytery. The Judicatory should have at once completed the record by ordering the spreading of that judgment on its minutes. It is true, the judgment is spread upon the minutes, it having been recorded therein; and the minutes were subsequently approved. It certainly belongs on the record. But it would have been more orderly had it been so recorded by order of the Presbytery.

4. That the records of the Presbytery of Niagara be approved as far as written, with the exception of a resolution at the top of p. 51, as follows: "*Resolved*, That in the judgment of this Presbytery the action," etc. It is recommended that the Presbytery be advised to rescind this action.

5. That the Records of the Presbytery of Steuben be approved as far as written with these exceptions: (1.) On p. 328, the Overture sent down by the General Assembly is recorded as "approved" instead of "answered in the affirmative." (2.) On the same page, no action is recorded on the recommendation of the Committee on Ministerial Relief.

Pending the consideration of that part of the report relating to the Records of the Presbytery of New York, the Rev. Francis Brown, D. D., addressed the Synod by its invitation.

The Committee further reported that the Records of the Presbyteries of Eastern Persia, Long Island, Nassau, Siam, Syracuse and Western Persia have not been presented.

The report was accepted.

A recess was taken until half-past seven o'clock P. M.

Closed with prayer.

THURSDAY, October 19, 7.30 o'clock P. M.

The Synod met, and, after devotional services, was addressed by the Rev. Gilbert Reid on Missions in China; the Rev. Daniel McGilvary, D. D., of the Presbytery of North Laos, on Missions in Siam; and Miss Virginia Dox, a missionary on our frontiers and among the Mormons and Mexicans.

Adjourned until Friday, at nine o'clock A. M.

Closed with prayer.

FRIDAY, October 20, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Synod met, and spent half an hour in devotional services.

Prayer was offered by the Moderator.

The roll was called.

The minutes of Thursday's sessions were read and approved.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report, which was accepted, and its recommendations were adopted :

The Committee on Finance has examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the Synod, and compared them with the vouchers, and it finds the same correct. All the Presbyteries have paid their apportionments for the last year. The amount in the treasury, applicable to the expenses of the current year, is \$1,322.04.

It recommends that the bill of the Rev. Lansing Van Schoonhoven, amounting to \$15.75, for the printing of an overture to the last General Assembly, be paid.

The Committee believes it is not wise to appropriate from the funds of the Synod the sum recommended to be so appropriated by the Committee on Systematic Beneficence, for sending the "Christian Steward" to the Elders of the Synod; but it recommends that the Synod request the Presbyteries in its bounds to do all in their power to interest their Elders in Systematic Beneficence, and in the paper published under the care of the Assembly's Committee.

It recommends that the annual compensation of the Stated Clerk be increased to \$400, and that of the Permanent Clerk to \$150.

It was

Resolved, In view of the havoc caused by the liquor traffic within the bounds of this Synod, that we urge upon our pastors the presentation from time to time of the action of the General Assembly of 1893, especially as set forth in resolutions 2 and 3, which are as follows :

Resolved, That in view of the countless evils resulting from the traffic in and use of intoxicating liquors, we urge upon all our church members the duty of abstaining from that which causes so many to stumble, and also that they use all their influence, personal, social and political, for the entire suppression of such traffic and use.

Resolved, That since no restrictive laws will be of any avail, unless upheld and enforced by sound public sentiment, we urge our people to use all lawful methods, such as securing temperance instruction in public schools, temperance lessons in the Sabbath schools, family instruction as well as public preaching, to create and sustain a healthful public sentiment adverse to a traffic so ruinous in its effects on the individual, on the family, on the State, and on the Church of God.

The Committee to Nominate Trustees of the Synod, etc., presented their report, which was accepted, and the following persons were duly elected :

Trustees of the Synod : Rev. Charles S. Robinson, D. D., Rev. Robert F. Sample, D. D., Mr. William A. Wheelock and Mr. John J. McCook, for the term of three years.

Trustees of Elmira College : Rev. Augustus W. Cowles, D. D., Rev. George C. Curtis, D. D., Rev. Isaac Jennings, D. D., Rev. Rufus S. Green, D. D., Rev. Henry D. B. Mulford, Mr. Mallory D. Schoonmaker, Mrs. Helen M. McWilliams, for the term of three years; and Mr. Louis G. Rathbun, for one year, in place of Mr. John T. Rathbun, deceased.

Examiners of Elmira College : Rev. James Gardner, D. D., Rev. A. Cameron McKenzie, D. D., and Prof. Ezra J. Peck, to serve for three years.

The Committee further reported the resignation of Mr. Alexander S. Diven as a Trustee of Elmira College, and recommended that he be requested to continue in his office.

The recommendation was adopted.

The Woman's Synodical Committee on Home Missions presented the following report, which was accepted :

The Woman's Synodical Committee for Home Missions raised, for the year ending April 1st, 1893, through the Presbyterian societies, \$69,212.18, for the support of missionary teachers, Building Fund, etc., an advance of \$2,204 over the previous year.

Boxes of clothing, household necessities and comforts, as supplementary gifts, have also been sent to missionary families and schools to the amount of \$45,519.24.

For the coming year we are not contemplating a retreat on account of the times, but are ordered to advance, that we may aid the Synod in its evangelistic work. We hope from our workers a hearty response, and willing sacrifices, if necessary, to meet the extra demands.

It was ordered that the necessary expenses, for the past year, of the Permanent Committee on Synodical Aid, to an amount not exceeding seventy-five dollars, be paid from the Synodical Aid Fund.

The following Minute was adopted :

Whereas, Treaty relations have existed between the Government of the United States and China since the year 1844, guaranteeing protection to Americans in China, and to the Chinese in the United States; and,

Whereas, The law of 1888, known as the Scott law, and that of 1892, known as the Geary law, are both in violation of the existing treaties, and contrary to the desires, sentiments and protests of the Chinese Government, and of many bodies and organizations of our own American citizens; and,

Whereas, Such violation of treaties places all foreigners, as well as Americans resident in China, in a perilous position, owing to the lack of due treaty protection; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That the Synod of New York, representing over 1,100 ministers and over 170,000 communicants, hereby places on record its strong disapproval of the legislation which has so glaringly violated all sense of justice, as well as treaty agreement; and, while expressing no opinion on the question of the restriction of Chinese immigration, would respectfully petition the President of the United States, the Senate and the House of Representatives to enact such laws, modifying the Scott and Geary laws, as will be in harmony with existing treaties, or conducive to a farther settlement of the international problem, by a new treaty agreed upon by both governments, and tending to promote the friendly and harmonious relations between the peoples of the two countries.

2. That copies of the foregoing resolution be transmitted to the Secretary of State, and the Chairmen of the Committees on Foreign Relations in the Senate and the House.

The Committee of Visitors to the University of the City of New York, presented the following report, which was accepted :

In answer to the call of its Chairman, the Committee met in the University building May 3d, 1893. Only three of the seven constituting the Committee were able to be present. Others gave reasonable excuses for absence. The Committee was most courteously received by the Chancellor, Dr. MacCracken, together with the venerable and honored President of the Council, Mr. Charles Butler, and other members of that body. The Professors and Instructors also welcomed the Committee to their various class-rooms, while in the midst of their class work.

Having taken part in the morning worship, the Committee passed from room to room, observing teachers and students in the actual exercise of customary lecture and recitation. This, accompanied by full and free conversation upon the condition of the University, its officers, students, equipment, finances, methods of work and aims, constituted the substance of a visit covering five hours, and making an impression upon your Committee which is wholly pleasant to report.

The Committee found an institution dating its origin from 1831, worth nearly two millions of dollars, and free of debt, save a mortgage upon the new site lately purchased in Fordham, known as "University Heights." For this, a subscription, to complete the payment, is still in progress.

There are ninety-nine professors and instructors and 1,035 students in the departments of Law, Medicine, and Arts and Sciences, the last of which includes, as subordinate divisions, the University College, the Graduate Seminary, the School of Engineering, and the School of Pedagogy.

The spirit of the class-rooms was impressively earnest. There was an absence of the perfunctory and of routine on the part of teachers, and of the indifferent and neglectful among the students. All was suggestive of Dr. Johnson's definition of the scholar, as one whose "business is to inquire and answer inquiries."

Your Committee was impressed with the spirit of progress everywhere apparent. As readiness to abandon the old, when the new seems better, was the main-spring of the University's origin, the same continues to characterize her work. This appears in courses and methods of study, indicating eager and wide outlook upon the educational world by the Chancellor and his advisers, accompanied by a spirit of inquiry and courage that does not shrink from leading into new paths. In the language of the Chancellor, the institution aims "to adapt the college course to the age." So the curricula of their departments seem neither rigid with conservatism, nor flaccid, as if weakened by courting popularity. European methods are observed, and their own freshened out of them. The demand of women for enlarged privileges of education is recognized as imperative. Women are not only admitted to classes as students, but a committee of them is appointed to counsel with the University Council for the management of the institution.

In the matter of progress, the Department of Pedagogy stands distinguished. Other institutions indeed teach Pedagogy, but the University of the City of New York is, as far as your Committee is aware, the first to elevate that branch of study into a distinct department, on a par, as such, with the other professions. Only such are admitted to this department as have had experience in teaching, have chosen that as their profession, and attained a specified standard of scholarship. Surely nothing can be more becoming a university, or be more important to the public in the interest of true education, than such an effort to elevate teaching into a high-spirited, well-equipped profession, delivered from the mercenary, the vulgar, and all flavor of charlatany.

The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are studied, especially by graduate

students, both philologically and exegetically. This involves a critical study of Hebrew and its cognates, Arabic, Aramaic, Syriac, etc., together with the Greek, and all accompanied by a careful examination of cuneiform syllabary, connection between cuneiform history and the Old Testament, accompanied by lectures upon the Scripture Canon.

One thousand dollars a year are also spent in maintaining a course of lectures on the religions of the world in comparison with the Christian religion. This form of religious teaching, now maintained under limited means, presents a strong claim for the complete endowment of a chair of comparative religions, that should divide its time between graduates and under-graduates, thus lifting the Holy Scriptures and their religion to a position of recognized prime importance. The animus of our national government is undoubtedly Christian, and our institutions of learning may justly magnify the Christian element in their courses of study.

Your Committee is most cordial and earnest in calling the attention of Presbyterians to the University of the City of New York, as worthy of patronage by the inquiring scholar, and by our men of wealth also who seek opportunity for wise investment in the advancement of education. There seems to be no sufficient reason why the University of the City of New York, with so honored a history, so high a spirit of scholarly enterprise, so many friends, and more than a thousand students, should not speedily be so liberally endowed as to enable her to move, *pari passu*, with the strongest universities on the continent, executing ever enlarging conceptions of what an American University ought to be. It would be handsome indeed, and appropriate, if her move to the new site of University Heights should not only be indicative of life and progress, but be made memorial also by at least doubling her endowments.

The Pastoral Letter was presented and adopted, and ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

The Judicial Commission appointed to issue the appeal of Elder Donald K. McLeod from a decision of the Presbytery of Boston, presented the following report, which was ordered to be placed on the minutes as the judgment of the Synod :

The Judicial Commission appointed to try the Appeal of Elder Donald K. McLeod from the final judgment of the Presbytery of Boston in his case, having conducted the case in conformity with the directions of the Book of Discipline, finds that no one of the specifications is sustained, and that no error has been found in the record. It therefore affirms the judgment of the inferior judicatory.

The Committee on the Place of the Next Meeting presented the following report :

Cordial invitations have been received from the First Church of Binghamton, and the First Church of New York City. The Committee recommends that the invitation from New York be accepted with all the heartiness with which it has been extended; and that the one from Binghamton be declined with thanks and sincere regrets, and with the hope that this will result only in deferring its acceptance for a single year.

The report was adopted, and it was ordered that the next Annual Meeting of the Synod be held in the First Church, New York City.

The Pastor and Elders of the church were appointed the Committee of Arrangements, with power to add to their number.

The report of the Collating Committee on the Records of the Presbyteries, as far as it refers to the approval of the Records of North River Presbytery, was reconsidered, and the records were referred back to the Committee of Examination.

A supplemental report of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence was adopted, as follows :

The Committee finds two vacancies in its number, and recommends that they be filled by the appointment of the Rev. Charles A. Richmond (as chairman) and the Rev. Samuel V. V. Holmes.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported the following Minute presented by the Presbyterian Ministerial Association of Rochester, and recommended that it be adopted :

Resolved, That the Synod of New York, representing 170,000 communicants, believing that the prize fighting, under the guise of "athletic exhibitions," now prevailing to such an extent in this State, is one of the most disgusting, degrading and debasing influences at work in our communities, whose fruit can be nothing but evil, hereby petitions the Governor of the State, the Attorney General, and all other officers of the law having jurisdiction in this matter, to enforce rigidly and inexorably the statutes which refer to such exhibitions.

The recommendation was adopted.

The following Minute was adopted unanimously :

The Synod of New York expresses its warmest appreciation of the welcome extended to it by the First Church of Rochester. It presents its most grateful acknowledgments to the Rev. Nelson Millard, D. D., the pastor, to his obliging and efficient associates on the Committee of Arrangements, to the families of the First Church, to the pastors and people of the other churches who have extended hospitality to the members of the Synod, to the organist and choir, and to all who have assisted in facilitating the Synod's business, and making the stay of its members in Rochester a distinguished pleasure, as it will always be a delightful memory.

Thanks are extended, also, to the railway companies of the Trunk Line Association, and to the daily press of Rochester, for courtesies received.

The Rev. Nelson Millard, D. D., responded in behalf of the Committee of Arrangements.

The following were appointed the Committee to prepare the Pastoral Letter for next year: Rev. A. Cameron McKenzie, D. D., Rev. William H. Bates, and Elder Richard H. Bloom.

The Committee on Freedmen presented an informal report, which was accepted.

The Trustees of the Synod made no report.

The Committee to collate the reports on the Records of the Presbyteries presented the following report on the Records of the Presbytery of North River, the approval of which had been reconsidered :

That the Records of the Presbytery of North River be approved as far as written, with the exception of the action of the Presbytery as recorded on pp. 257, 258, which seems to reflect upon the action of the last General Assembly therein referred to. It is recommended that the same action be taken on these records as was taken on the Records of the Presbytery of Cayuga.

The report was adopted.

It was

Resolved, That in approving the Minutes of the Presbyteries, attention is directed to the fact that the Synod disapproves any action which appears to call in question the deliverances and judicial decisions of the General Assembly.

The Treasurer was authorized to pay the usual salaries and the bills for the expenses of the Synod.

The Stated Clerk was instructed to remind the Stated Clerks of those Presbyteries which have not sent up their records, that they send them for examination to the next meeting of the Synod.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that permission had been granted to the following members to retire before the close of the sessions :

Presbytery of Albany : Ministers—Charles A. Conant, Leslie R. Groves ; Elders—James T. Sweetman, Lansing Cain.

Brooklyn : Ministers—Donald McLaren, William A. Holliday.

Buffalo : Minister—Herbert G. Lord ; Elder—Edward A. Skinner.

Cayuga : Minister—Henry R. Fancher.

Champlain : Minister—Andrew M. Millar.

Chemung : Elder—Charles E. Swarthout.

Columbia : Elder—Horace Strong.

Geneva : Ministers—Asher B. Temple, John S. Niles ; Elder—Andrew S. Long.

Hudson : Ministers—Robert H. Craig, Robert H. Taylor, William H. Hudnutt ; Elders—Edward F. Pierson, Ezekiel O. Rose, Henry M. Reynolds.

Long Island : Ministers—James M. Denton, George D. Miller ; Elders—William H. Youngs, Jehiel S. Raynor, Joseph H. Randall.

Nassau: Ministers—Samuel T. Carter, William S. C. Webster.

North River: Ministers—Emory A. Nelson, Plato T. Jones; Elders—Ogden D. Daley, John Dales.

Otsego: Ministers—James H. Robinson, John H. Brandow; Elders—Eleazar R. Fuller, Rudolphus Alger.

Rochester: Elder—Silas W. Tenney.

St. Lawrence: Minister—Daniel A. Ferguson; Elder—Calvin T. Hulburd.

Syracuse: Minister—David Torrey; Elder—D. Burr Giddings.

Troy: Ministers—Theophilus P. Sawin, William Reed, William H. Sybrandt, Herbert C. Hinds, Robert H. Carson, Charles E. MacGinness; Elders—Horace B. Silliman, Mallory D. Schoonmaker, Robert Gault.

Utica: Ministers—Eliot H. Payson, Sybrandt Nelson, M. Woolsey Stryker, Stanley B. Roberts; Elders—Joseph K. Casterton, Israel W. Young, J. Lucius Seymour.

Westchester: Minister—Charles S. Lane; Elders—William H. Foster, Ralph E. Prime, William McKim, Edwin A. Knapp.

The report was accepted.

The several Standing Committees reported that they had no further business to present, and were discharged.

It was

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of the Synod be tendered to the Moderator, for the fairness and courtesy which he has shown to all its members during its present sessions, and also to the Stated and Permanent Clerks and their associates for their faithfulness in the discharge of their duties.

The roll was called, and the following members were found to be absent without leave:

Presbytery of Albany: Minister—George L. McClelland; Elders—John D. McMartin, William Bullock.

Binghamton: Elder—Henry F. Benton.

Boston: Ministers—Luther H. Angier, Milton Waldo, Peter M. Macdonald, Martin D. Kneeland.

Brooklyn: Elder—George H. Southard.

Buffalo: Ministers—Henry D. Lindsay, George H. Marsh; Elders—Henry J. Wilkes, William A. Keeler.

Cayuga: Minister—William H. Hubbard.

Champlain: Minister—Richard G. McCarthy.

Chemung: Ministers—Charles C. Carr, Allen F. DeCamp.

Hudson: Minister—Theron Brittain.

Lyons: Elder—Joel R. Foster.

Nassau : Elders—William H. Ross, William A. Torrey.

New York : Elder—H. Edwards Rowland.

Niagara : Minister—Henry G. Dean; Elder—Walter Tuttle.

North River : Elder—Theodore Isham.

Otsego : Minister—Samuel R. Warrender; Elder—John Wright.

Rochester : Ministers—George Patton, John H. Williams; Elders—J. Allen Andrews, William A. Brodie, Sidney A. Newman, Timothy D. Connor.

St. Lawrence : Minister—James Robertson; Elders—Robert Markwick, William B. Moore.

Steuben : Elder—John B. Ferry.

Syracuse : Ministers—George Bayless, Albert J. Abeel, Edward W. Miller.

Troy : Elders—David Bradt, Aaron H. Graves.

Utica : Minister—David I. Biggar; Elders—Arthur R. Simmons, James S. Aldredge.

Westchester : Minister—George R. Cutting; Elder—Thomas Gilbert.

The minutes of the day's session were read and approved.

The business having been completed, the Synod adjourned to meet in the First Church, New York City, on the third Tuesday, the sixteenth day of October, A. D. 1894, at half-past seven o'clock P. M.

Closed with prayer and the Apostolic Benediction.

J. WILFORD JACKS,

Permanent Clerk.

ATTEST :

T. RALSTON SMITH,

Stated Clerk.

APPENDIX.

I. PASTORAL LETTER.

To the Ministers, Officers and Members of its Churches, severally, the Synod of New York sends affectionate Greeting:—

Grace be to you, and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

This annual salutation goes forth from us to you, beloved, just at the full opening of the Church new year. Receive it, not as a form of words, but as a living message. It is a pledge of our remembrance, a token and bond of fellowship, a word of fraternal suggestion for your encouragement and inspiration.

This is a large Synod; there are 170,122 church members, yet we are knit very closely together. The churches are 896; they are grouped in 31 Presbyteries. There are 1,178 ministers and 5,114 other officers. It is a fact, of particular interest to us, that 57 of our churches, with 4,374 communicants, gathered in five Presbyteries, and 108 ministers, are located in Foreign Mission lands. Whether within the bounds of the State, or in New England, or in the regions beyond the sea, the Synod salutes you, every one, in the name of Christ the Master.

First of all, we greet you with thanksgiving to God. The Lord has been mindful of us. We recognize His good hand in the increase, though that increase be not large, which He has given us in numbers, in beneficence, and in the total of Christian work. We are glad for continued service another year. We are grateful, in spite of theologic agitation wide-spread, and central in this Synod, for the spiritual and organic unity, for the solid peace that exists throughout the churches, and for the spirit of true loyalty and Christian graciousness that so manifestly prevails.

We bring you a note of cheer. We cannot do otherwise. The gospel is gladness always. All things are yours. He who has begun a good work, in his child or in his Church, will perform it unto the day of Jesus Christ. The prospects for the churches of this Synod, as for the Church of Christ throughout the world, are just as bright as are the sure promises of God. Yet there is great seriousness in this salutation. The work, beloved, committed to us is earnest to intensity, the time for work is shortening, there is much to be done, peculiar problems must be solved, and solved now. The hour seems a crisis hour, singularly solemn, weighted down with issues, and the issues are grave.

There are certain features of these times that we do well to consider. Movement of thought is exceeding swift. The age is electric. It is a rushing age. Activity stamps everything. It is a very practical sort of activity. It is an audacious activity, bold almost to madness. It attempts the impossible, and, what is more, it succeeds. It is a restless age—perhaps reckless. It lacks patience, but it does not lack purpose and push. It lacks reflection; it is too little meditative. It is not reverent enough. But, after all, it is a very frank and generous age. We are coming to the discovery of each other, to the consciousness of our real brotherhood, to recognize in nations, in society and in the Church that we are verily members one of another.

Now, these facts and features are full of promise; they are not without peril also. God has placed us in the ages just where we are. He has laid upon us a royal charge. We ought to thank Him sincerely. It is a grand thing to live in this last decade of the rounding century. It ought to be sublimely lived by every disciple of Christ.

The age is inspiring. If it be active, the Church must be active also. If it be audacious, daring impossibilities, then the Church must be audacious, learn the omnipotence of faith, and, with a high and holy audacity, attempt great things for God. If evil is rampant, all the more the Church must be alert. If sin combines its forces and runs for mischief, the Church must, in Christ's name, be one, and fly on her mission with wings swift and strong. It is well to remind ourselves anew what the divine mission of the Church is—her mission to-day. And by that we mean the mission of each one of these churches of our Synod. It is the same mission that was given at the beginning, precisely the one mission for this age and for every age since the resurrection of the Lord.

It is, first of all, to represent in this world the Divine Master. "As the Father sent me into the world, even so send I you." This is the mission and the commission. The Church stands for Jesus Christ, in His place, to be and to do, just here and now, what He would be and do, were He here in the flesh. Christ was truth, and love, and light. So is the Church to be—to be through the life of each one of her members. In this, there is surely nothing abnormal. If Christianity means anything, it means moral integrity, downright honesty, cleanness of hands, and pureness and spirituality of heart. It means this in the person, in the home, in society, in pleasure, and politics and trade. The kingdom of God is righteousness, and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost. Lift the standard. Be holy. Whatever you touch, let it gleam with this light. The revival we need is a revival of radical righteousness. The kingdom of God is within you. What would happen if the Church, in its members, for one day so represented the Lord? Charles Kingsley somewhere declares: "If the Christian Church were what she ought to be, and could be, for a single day, the world would be converted before nightfall."

The power the Church needs to-day is this power of a holy life. How shall it come? By contact with Christ—with Christ himself—the life, the person. And this contact is by the mercy-seat. Lay then, beloved, the Synod affectionately urges you, a new and fresh emphasis upon the secret place of prayer. Here, chiefly, we come into acquaintance with the Lord. Repair the home altar. Freshen the flame. Rob no house of God's daily benediction. Do fresh honor to the sanctuary, to every public service, to each ordinance. The midweek prayer-meeting ought to be the richest source of blessing of all the appointments of the Church. Make it such—a living service. Lift the Bible into loving reverence more and more. It is the Word of God, inspired, unerring, invincible. May the Holy Spirit open out its hid treasures to all our hearts. So, brethren, let our preaching be the Word, in all plainness, fulness and simplicity. That is so much better than any wisdom of man or human ethics. It is the only thing in the world that comes with the demonstration of the Spirit. This preaching of ours ought to bring Christ very close to men. After all, the mute pleading of the world is, "Sirs, we would see Jesus." The world wants Christ. And Christ, and only Christ, is the world's Saviour, and Lord and Friend.

The Church is here for aggressive work. The unevangelized are to be evangelized. The unsaved are to be saved. The Church of the Master is here for this very purpose, and is equal to the task. The local community is the specific and first charge of the

local church. Church suburbs are to be penetrated from church centers, till suburbs and centers are Christ's alike. The problem is difficult, but not impossible. It is imperative. It can be solved. It confronts the Church both in country and city. It is for the pastor and elders, as a Session, to devise ways by which the work may best be accomplished. The scheme of the Home Sunday School, of neighborhood services, of visitation, house by house, of parish districting, with an elder as chairman of each district committee—all these and others will occur to you as possible, and one or more as practicable. In our city churches, may not some express form of service, evangelistic and popular, wisely be instituted in the summer months, so that the multitude that takes no vacation may not go unfed? Work some scheme. Till, somehow, the Church's own field. What a home harvest of souls is sure of reaping through some wise method well sustained!

All work for Christ or men means sacrifice. Whenever the Lord Jesus wrought an effective act of blessing, virtue went out of Him. It goes out of every man, when blessing goes forth to another. It costs to heal.

Christian work means sympathy. The living, human touch is power. Christ went where the people were. His message is always, "Go, seek and save." Seek to save. And nothing saves but the touch of the Divine Master, through the touch of the brother man. Welcome any methods that bring men into living contact.

It means enthusiasm—a soul aflame. And if the soul be in touch with God and with men, it will flame. We need hot hearts for Christian work in the next block, just the same as in China or the New Hebrides. The life of the Master, the injunction of the apostles, the tongues of fire at Pentecost—all stand for "Fervent in spirit, serving the Lord."

There is a place and work for every member of every church. Each member should find his place. Not one can be spared. Success means all at it, as well as always at it. Bid God-speed to our young people in Christian Endeavor devotion and activity, and to the children in their Temple hallelujahs. There is a service for the aged, for the home invalid, for the busy man and the busy woman, the strong and the weak, the one talent and the ten. The Lord has need of every one.

The Church should be in pronounced sympathy with every movement, philanthropic and reformatory, that is uplifting men. Let each church be, in itself, a temperance organization, wise, virile, efficient. Let no church fail as a missionary organization, at peril of her birthright. Help the feeble churches; support the weak; give liberally of sympathy and financial aid. The church that most effectively tills her own local field is the church most efficient in the wider circles. The parish for Christ rises naturally into the land for Christ. Be quickened in Home Missionary activities. Thought, prayer, means are needed as perhaps never before. Let purse and person find a new devotion. Pray for a revival in the grace of giving, so that giving shall come to be playful, proportionate, prayerful, zestful, and shall rise somewhat higher to the measure of the individual ability.

We really breathe with the Master only when we rise with Him, where we take into our heart-vision the entire world. Christ redeemed it all; the Church must possess it all. The world for Christ is not a sweet song, not a pleasing platitude, not an empty petition in the universal prayer. It is a veritable fact—a grand, a solid fact. Before every church and every disciple this end is set. The goal is surely to be won. It is Christ's commission—"into all the world." It is His prophecy—"the whole earth." It is His glorious pledge—"all men." Let us away with impotent faith, narrow notions,

and snail-like movement. The call of the Great Commander is, "Forward! Forward!" It is a note of triumph. We ought to gird for victory; we ought to tread as conquerors already. Lift the eye, for the day is dawning; Jesus Christ is to be crowned. "Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors, and the King of Glory shall come in."

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

T. RALSTON SMITH,
Stated Clerk.

JAMES GARDNER,
Moderator.

JOSIAH E. KITTREDGE,
JAMES GARDNER,
KILIAEN VAN RENSSELAER,
Committee.

II. REPORTS OF THE PRESBYTERIES.

I. THE PRESBYTERY OF ALBANY consists of sixty-five ministers and fifty churches, and has under its care two licentiates and seven candidates:

Ministers received:

October 18, 1892, Rev. Joseph H. Odell, from the Presbytery of Brooklyn;
December 13, Rev. Walter H. Waygood, from the Presbytery of Philadelphia;
February 15, 1893, Rev. William Durant, from the Presbytery of New York;
April 18, Rev. Solomon C. McElroy, from the Presbytery of Utica;
April 19, Rev. Arthur Cushing Dill, from the Presbytery of Morris and Orange;
September 19, Rev. Wilfred W. Shaw, from the Presbytery of Chicago; and Rev.
John W. McCallum, from the Presbytery of Utica.

Licentiate received:

April 18, 1893, Walter A. Hitchcock, from the Presbytery of Monmouth.

Candidate received:

December 13, 1892, Arthur Dracas.

Licensed:

April 19, 1893, Robert M. Blackburn;
June 13, H. Grant Persons, and Charles E. Rhodes.

Ordained:

December 13, 1892, Frank F. Blessing;
June 13, 1893, Robert M. Blackburn;
June 29, Walter A. Hitchcock.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

December 13, 1892, between Rev. Walter Quincy Scott, D. D., and the First Church, Albany; and between Rev. Monroe Drew and the Church of New Scotland;

January 24, 1893, between Rev. Alfonso R. Olney, D. D., and the Church of Ballston Spa;

April 18, between Rev. William H. Decker and the Madison Avenue Church, Albany;

June 13, between Rev. Robert A. Davison and the Church of Greenbush;

September 19, between Rev. James King Philips and Bethany Church.

Installations :

December 20, 1892, Rev. Walter Waygood, over the East Avenue Church, Schenectady;

February 1, 1893, Rev. Alfonso R. Olney, D. D., over the Jermain Memorial Church;

February 15, Rev. William Durant, over the First Church, Saratoga Springs;

May 16, Rev. Henry Ludlow Teller, over the Church of Ballston Spa;

June 13, Rev. Robert M. Blackburn, over the Church at New Scotland;

June 27, Rev. William G. Westervelt, over the Church at Esperance;

June 29, Rev. Walter A. Hitchcock, over the Church at Charlton.

Ministers dismissed :

December 13, 1892, Rev. Monroe Drew, to the Presbytery of Spokane; and Rev. Charles B. Chapin, to the Classis of New York;

April 18, 1893, Rev. William H. Decker, to the Presbytery of Huntingdon; Rev. Walter D. Nicholas, to the Presbytery of San Francisco; and Rev. Paul C. Thyholdt, to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, Central Illinois;

June 13, Rev. Robert A. Davison, to the Presbytery of New Castle;

September 19, Rev. George Berger, to the Presbytery of Utica; Rev. Charles J. Young, D. D., to the Presbytery of New York; and Rev. James McLeod, D. D., to the Presbytery of Lackawanna.

October 18, Rev. William J. Thompson was suspended for contumacy.

II. THE PRESBYTERY OF BINGHAMTON consists of thirty-nine ministers and twenty-eight churches, and has under its care three licentiates and four candidates.

Ministers received :

November 14, 1892, Rev. John M. Wolcott, from the Presbytery of Utica;

April 18, 1893, Rev. Adelbert J. Schlager, D. D., from the Presbytery of Dubuque; and Rev. George A. Liggett, from the Presbytery of Elizabeth;

September 5, Rev. D. W. Teller, from the Susquehanna Association of Congregational Churches.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery :

April 18, 1893, Horace J. Padgett;

September 19, Wilson A. Eisenhart.

Licenses conferred and licentiate received :

April 18, 1893, William J. Leverett and Frank H. Bisbee;

September 5, William J. Gregory, from the Presbytery of Rochester;

September 19, Fred E. Walton.

Ordinations :

November 1, 1892, George N. Macdonald ;
October 24, 1893, Fred E. Walton.

Dissolutions of pastoral relations :

September 18, 1893, between Rev. William C. Macbeth and the Coventry Second Church ;
October 3, between Rev. John Van C. Nellis, Ph. D., and the Church at Union.

Installations :

November 1, 1892, Rev. George N. Macdonald, over the Church at Preble ;
November 14, Rev. John M. Wolcott, over the Church at Smithville Flats ;
September 5, 1893, Rev. William J. Gregory, over the Church at Nichols.

Ministers dismissed :

September 18, 1893, Rev. William C. Macbeth, to the Presbytery of Erie ;
September 19, Rev. Julius S. Pattengill, to the Presbytery of Otsego ; and Rev. D. W. Teller to the Presbytery of Buffalo.

III. THE PRESBYTERY OF BOSTON consists of fifty-six ministers and thirty-nine churches, and has under its care five candidates.

Ministers received :

October 25, 1892, Rev. William A. Pinkerton, from the Reformed Presbytery of Vermont ;
April 18, 1893, Rev. Horace C. Hovey, from the Fairfield Association of Congregational Ministers in Connecticut ;
April 19, Rev. Ambrose W. McLeod, from the Presbytery of Halifax, N. S. ;
August 26, Rev. Thomas Corbett, from the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island ;
October 4, Rev. Alexander P. Logan, from the Presbytery of Halifax, N. S.

Candidate received :

October 4, 1893, George W. Creelman.

Dissolutions of pastoral relations :

November 21, 1892, between Rev. Brevard D. Sinclair and the First Church at Newburyport ;
January 16, 1893, between Rev. Thomas A. Reeves and the Church in Woonsocket ;
April 18, between Rev. James W. Flagg and the Church at South Framingham ;
April 19, between Rev. James Mitchell, Ph. D., and the Church at New Bedford ;
and between Rev. William Adams, D. D., and the First Church of Boston ;
September 13, between Rev. Donald Macdougall and the Church in Taunton ;
October 4, between Rev. Charles S. Dewing and the Church in Somerville.

Installations :

May 9, 1893, Rev. Horace C. Hovey, D. D., over the First Church of Newburyport ;
May 11, Rev. William Steele, over the Church at Quincy ;
September 19, Rev. Thomas Corbett, over the Church at South Framingham.

Ministers dismissed :

- October 4, 1892, Rev. William Courtland Robinson, to the Presbytery of Utica ;
November 21, Rev. Brevard D. Sinclair, to the Presbytery of Puget Sound ;
January 16, 1893, Rev. Thomas A. Reeves, to the Presbytery of Morris and Orange ;
April 18, Rev. James W. Flagg, to the Mendham Association of Congregational
Ministers, Massachusetts ;
April 19, Rev. William Adams, D. D., to the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

Churches organized :

- October 25, 1892, the Church at St. Johnsbury, Vermont ;
September 21, 1893, the Church at Waltham, Mass.

IV. THE PRESBYTERY OF BROOKLYN consists of fifty-three ministers (together with two on the reserved roll) and thirty-three churches, and has under its care five licentiates and sixteen candidates.

Ministers received :

- April 17, 1893, Rev. Joseph G. Snyder, from the Presbytery of Steuben ; Rev. John E. Fray, from the Manhattan Congregational Association ; Rev. John Fox, D. D., from the Presbytery of Allegheny ; and Rev. George N. Makely, from the Presbytery of Lackawanna.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery :

- April 17, 1893, Robert M. Laboree, Eliot H. Moore, and John J. Bridges ;
June 5, John G. Addy and David Hutchison ;
October 2, William S. Crane, B. Frank Wallace, William J. Wilkinson, Christian Oswald and George Shurk.

Licenses conferred :

- April 17, 1893, Eliot H. Moore, Robert M. Laboree, Ebenezer Flack, Willard P. Harmon and Louis O. Rotenbach.

Dissolutions of pastoral relations :

- October 31, 1892, between Rev. Samuel P. Halsey and Duryea Church, and between Rev. James C. M. Johnston and Faith's Memorial Church ;
February 6, 1893, between Rev. James I. Campbell and Cumberland St. Church ;
July 31, between Rev. James H. Montgomery, D. D., and Trinity Church.

Installations :

- April 18, 1893, Rev. John Fox, D. D., over the Second Church ;
May 10, Rev. John E. Fray, over Duryea Church ;
June 8, Rev. George N. Makely, over Cumberland St. Church.

Ministers dismissed :

- December 5, 1892, Rev. Henry Frech, to the Classis of New York of the German Reformed Church ;
February 6, 1893, Rev. John S. Campbell, to the Presbytery of Montana ;
April 17, Rev. Edward W. Thwing, to the Presbytery of Canton ;
October 2, Rev. Henry G. Golden, to the Presbytery of Pueblo.

Licentiate transferred :

April 17, 1893, Ebenezer Flack, to the Presbytery of Lehigh.

Candidates transferred :

February 6, 1893, Frank DeWitt Talmage, to the Presbytery of Philadelphia ;

June 5; David Hutchison, to the Presbytery of New Castle.

Deceased :

December 16, 1892, at Brooklyn, Rev. Parsons C. Hastings, Ph. D., aged 79 ;

July 28, 1893, at Brooklyn, Rev. Amos N. Freeman, in the — year of his age ;

August 22, at Trenton, N. J., Rev. A. McElroy Wylie, in the 60th year of his age ;

September 24, at Brooklyn, Rev. John Boyd, in the 54th year of his age.

Church transferred :

October 31, 1892, the German Evangelical Church, to the New York Classis of the German Reformed Church.

Church dissolved :

December 5, 1892, Faith's Memorial Church.

V. THE PRESBYTERY OF BUFFALO consists of fifty-seven ministers, and forty-five churches, and has under its care two licentiates and seven candidates.

Ministers received :

December 6, 1892, Rev. Frank H. Coffran, from the Presbytery of Otsego ; and Rev. William A. Reid, from the Presbytery of Hamilton, Ont. ;

April 11, 1893, Rev. S. Horace Beshgetoor, from the Presbytery of Niagara ; Rev. George S. Swezey, from the Presbytery of Emporia ; and Rev. James S. Moore, from the Presbytery of Geneva ;

September 19, Rev. Edgar D. Rawson, from the Presbytery of Wellsborough ; Rev. William D. Jones, from the St. Louis Association of Congregational Ministers ; Rev. James Millar, from the Presbytery of British Guiana ; and Rev. Joseph K. Griffis, from the Free Baptist Erie Quarterly Meeting.

Candidates received :

September 19, 1893, John A. Black and Lazarus Kuchukoff.

Licensed :

April 11, 1893, John D. Campbell.

Ordination :

May 25, 1893, John D. Campbell.

Dissolutions of pastoral relations :

December 6, 1892, between Rev. William F. Faber and the Church in Westfield ; between Rev. John Paul Egbert and Calvary Church, Buffalo ; and between Rev. John McMaster and the Church in Akron ;

April 11, 1893, between Rev. T. Ralston Smith, D. D., and Westminster Church, Buffalo ; between Rev. John McLachlan and the Central Church, Buffalo ; and between Rev. Courtenay H. Fenn and the Church in Tonawanda.

Installations :

November 9, 1892, Rev. Thomas H. Peatchell, over the Church in Ripley ;
May 27, 1893, Rev. Albert B. Robinson, over the Walden Avenue Church, Buffalo ;
October 24, Rev. William D. Jones, over the Church in Tonawanda.

Ministers dismissed :

December 6, 1892, Rev. Nathaniel I. Rubinkam, Ph. D., to the Presbytery of Chicago ; and Rev. John Paul Egbert, to the Presbytery of St. Paul ;
August 10, 1893, Rev. Courtenay H. Fenn, to the Presbytery of Peking.

Names dropped from the roll :

December 6, 1892, Rev. Thomas E. Calvert ;
April 11, 1893, Rev. William F. Faber.

Deceased :

August 7, 1892, at Buffalo, N. Y., Rev. Albert T. Chester, D. D., in the 81st year of his age.

Church organized :

May 6, 1893, Park Church, Buffalo.

Name changed :

April 11, 1893, "Wells Street Church," Buffalo, to "Bethesda Church."

VI. THE PRESBYTERY OF CAYUGA consists of twenty-eight ministers and twenty-three churches, and has under its care nine licentiates and nine candidates.

Ministers received :

April 10, 1893, Rev. Frederick W. Palmer, from the Classis of Rochester, of the Reformed Church of America ;
July 13, Rev. Edward Snyder, from the Presbytery of Niagara.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery :

November 15, 1892, Andrew A. C. Skinner ;
December 13, Charles M. Dodge ;
April 11, 1893, James McNab ;
September 27, Kerby S. Miller.

Licenses conferred :

April 12, 1893, James McNab, Andrew A. C. Skinner, Charles M. Dodge, Andrew Nelson, Eugene Ostrander.

Licentiate received :

September 27, 1893, Jay T. Badgeley.

Ordinations :

May 16, 1893, Oliver T. Mather ;
August 6, Charles K. Hoyt.

Dissolution of pastoral relations :

January 25, 1893, between Rev. Wesley W. Cole and the Church of Cayuga ;
May 11, between Rev. Samuel H. Meade, M. D., and the Church of Ludlowville.

Installations :

November 22, 1892, Rev. William C. Brass, over the First Church, Genoa ;
April 11, 1893, Rev. Frederick W. Palmer, over the Central Church, Auburn ;
May 15, Rev. Oliver T. Mather, over Westminster Church, Auburn ;
September 12, Rev. Edward Snyder, over the Churches of Scipio and Scipioville.

Ministers dismissed :

November 15, 1892, Rev. Daniel W. Cameron, Ph. D., to the Presbytery of Niagara ;
January 25, 1893, Rev. Wesley W. Cole, to the Presbytery of Utica ;
April 12, Rev. Erastus W. Twichell, to the Presbytery of Syracuse ;
August 6, Rev. Charles K. Hoyt, to the Presbytery of Palmyra ;
September 27, Rev. Samuel H. Meade, M. D., to the Presbytery of West Jersey.

Licentiates transferred :

April 10, 1893, Duncan A. McPhie, to the Presbytery of Syracuse ;
May 11, Andrew A. C. Skinner, to the Presbytery of Kansas City ;
July 31, Charles L. Luther, to the Presbytery of Syracuse.

Candidate transferred :

September 26, 1893, George McKay, to the Presbytery of Lima.

VII. THE PRESBYTERY OF CHAMPLAIN consists of nineteen ministers and twenty-two churches.

Minister received :

April 11, 1893, Rev. William Frazer, from the Presbytery of Troy.

Candidate taken under the care of Presbytery :

September 19, 1893, Albert C. Salls.

Ordination and Installation :

November 15, 1892, Benjamin B. Seelye, as pastor of the Church in Chateaugay.

Dissolution of pastoral relation :

September 20, 1893, between Rev. Benjamin B. Seelye and the Church in Chateaugay.

License renewed :

September 20, 1893, Esta E. Grosh.

Ministers dismissed :

November 18, 1892, Rev. Chandler N. Thomas, to the Addison Co. Congregational Association, Vt. ;
June 3, 1893, Rev. Calvin J. Hastings, to the Presbytery of St. Lawrence.

Church organized :

September 30, 1892, Childwold.

VIII. THE PRESBYTERY OF CHEMUNG consists of twenty-five ministers and twenty-two churches, and has under its care two candidates.

Ministers received :

April 18, 1893, Rev. William M. Langdon, from the Presbytery of Peking ;
September 19, Rev. Rufus S. Green, D. D., from the Presbytery of Morris and Orange.

Licentiates received :

April 18, 1893, Warren D. More, from the Presbytery of Syracuse ;
June 8, Robert Irwin MacBride, from the Presbytery of Westchester.

Ordinations :

May 30, 1893, Warren D. More ;
June 8, Robert I. MacBride.

Dissolution of pastoral relations :

March 8, 1893, between Rev. Bryce K. Douglas and the Church of Watkins ;
August 24, between Rev. James C. Russell and the Church of Horse Heads.

Installation :

September 20, 1893, Rev. Robert I. MacBride, over the Churches of Monterey and Sugar Hill.

Ministers dismissed :

November 28, 1892, Rev. Thomas C. Roskelly, to the Central New York Conference of the M. E. Church ;
March 8, 1893, Rev. Bryce K. Douglas, to the Presbytery of New York ;
April 18, Rev. George D. Meigs, to the Presbytery of Geneva ;
August 24, Rev. Albert B. Judson, to the Presbytery of Columbia ; and Rev. James C. Russell, to the Presbytery of West Jersey.

IX. THE PRESBYTERY OF CHILE consists of ten ministers and six churches, and has under its care six candidates. [Minutes of the General Assembly, 1893.]

X. THE PRESBYTERY OF COLUMBIA consists of twenty ministers and nineteen churches.

Ministers received :

April 19, 1893, Rev. William W. Curry, from the Presbytery of Lansing ;
September 20, Rev. Albert B. Judson, from the Presbytery of Chemung ; and Rev. Ezekiel D. Van Dyck, from the Presbytery of Troy.

Minister dismissed :

September 20, 1893, Rev. Daniel I. Morrison, to the Presbytery of Troy.

XI. THE PRESBYTERY OF EASTERN PERSIA consists of five ministers and two churches, and has under its care two licentiates and two candidates. [Minutes of the General Assembly, 1893.]

XII. THE PRESBYTERY OF GENESEE consists of nineteen ministers and twenty-two churches, and has under its care three candidates.

Dissolutions of pastoral relations :

April 11, 1893, between Rev. Joseph E. Nassau, D. D., and the Church of Warsaw ;
and between Rev. John C. Long, and the Church of Castile.

Minister dismissed :

April 10, 1893, Rev. Allan McQueen, to the Presbytery of Rochester.

Licentiate transferred :

February 14, 1893, Arthur R. Vosburg, to the Presbytery of Lyons.

Candidate transferred :

September 26, 1893, O. H. Carmichael, to the Presbytery of Sioux City.

April 11, 1893, Elder J. Corwin Jacks, of Batavia, was elected Stated Clerk, to succeed Rev. Joseph E. Nassau, D. D., who resigned on account of ill health.

XIII. THE PRESBYTERY OF GENEVA consists of thirty-one ministers and twenty-three churches, and has under its care three candidates.

Ministers received :

February 21, 1893, Rev. John T. Crumrine, from the Presbytery of West Jersey ;

April 19, Rev. George D. Meigs, from the Presbytery of Chemung ;

September 25, Rev. Howard Cornell, from the Presbytery of Lyons.

Licensed :

April 18, 1893, Henry W. Maier and Daniel L. Macquarrie.

Ordinations :

April 19, 1893, Henry W. Maier and Daniel L. Macquarrie as Evangelists.

Installation :

February 21, 1893, Rev. John T. Crumrine, over the Church of Manchester.

Ministers dismissed :

January 19, 1893, Rev. James S. Moore, to the Presbytery of Buffalo ;

April 19, Rev. Nathan B. Knapp, to the Presbytery of Lyons ;

June 9, Rev. Albro L. Greene, to the Presbytery of Otsego ;

July 11, Rev. Hugh Jack, to the Presbytery of Waterloo ;

September 16, Rev. Samuel C. Garlick, to the Presbytery of Lyons ;

September 25, Rev. Wallace I. Coburn, to the Presbytery of Syracuse ; and Rev. Daniel L. Macquarrie, to the Presbytery of Sioux City.

Name dropped from the roll :

September 25, 1893, Candidate Shinichi Ando.

XIV. THE PRESBYTERY OF HUDSON consists of forty-two ministers and forty-three churches, and has under its care one candidate.

Ministers received :

April 18, 1893, Rev. Alpheus P. Meeker, Ph. D., from the Newark Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church ; and Rev. Thomas Fitzgerald, from the Presbytery of Otsego ;

July 18, Rev. John A. Davis, from the Presbytery of Nassau.

Licentiate received :

July 18, 1893, Adolph F. Pape, from the Presbytery of Jersey City.

Ordination :

July 18, 1893, Adolph F. Pape.

Dissolutions of pastoral relations :

April 18, 1893, between Rev. Thomas McBride Nichols and the Nyack Church ;

July 18, between Rev. Walter Fry and the Churches of Livingston Manor and Rockland First.

Installations :

November 1, 1892, Rev. Sylvanus R. Queen, over the Otisville Church ;

July 18, 1893, Rev. Adolph F. Pape, over the Nyack German Church ;

July 26, Rev. John A. Davis, over the Nyack Church.

Ministers dismissed :

April 10, 1893, Rev. John Turner, to the Presbytery of West Jersey ;

April 18, Rev. Thomas McBride Nichols, to the Presbytery of Philadelphia, North ;

July 18, Rev. Walter Fry, to the Presbytery of Utica.

XV. THE PRESBYTERY OF LONG ISLAND consists of twenty ministers and twenty-four churches, and has under its care one candidate.

Ministers received :

March 28, 1893, Rev. William H. Seely, from the Suffolk Congregational Association ;

August 17, Rev. Clarence Geddes, from the Presbytery of Nassau.

Licentiate received :

March 28, 1893, James J. Dunlop, from the Presbytery of New York.

Ordination :

May 12, 1893, James J. Dunlop.

Dissolutions of pastoral relations :

November 16, 1892, between Rev. Clement G. Martin and the Greenport Church ;

November 29, between Rev. Frederick E. Allen and the Middletown Church ;

December 22, between Rev. Robert C. Hallock, Ph. D., and the Southampton Church.

Installations :

May 12, 1893, Rev. James J. Dunlop, over the Greenport Church ;

August 17, Rev. Clarence Geddes, over the Moriches Church.

Ministers dismissed :

November 16, 1892, Rev. Clement G. Martin, to the Presbytery of Huron ;

November 29, Rev. Frederick E. Allen, to the New London County, Conn., Congregational Association ;

December 22, Rev. Robert C. Hallock, Ph. D., to the Manhattan Congregational Association.

XVI. THE PRESBYTERY OF LYONS consists of seventeen ministers and eighteen churches, and has under its care three candidates.

Ministers received :

September 19, 1893, Rev. Nathan B. Knapp and Rev. Samuel C. Garlick, from the Presbytery of Geneva.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery :

September 19, 1893, Louis A. Peirson.

Dissolution of pastoral relation :

September 20, 1893, between Rev. Jacob Dyk and the Church of Sodus.

Ministers dismissed :

September 20, 1893, Rev. Howard Cornell, to the Presbytery of Geneva; and Rev. Jacob Dyk, to the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

License revoked :

Arthur R. Vosburg, he having left the service of the Presbyterian Church.

Deceased :

January 2, 1893, at Phelps, N. Y., Rev. Chauncey Francisco, aged 80 years.

XVII. THE PRESBYTERY OF NASSAU consists of twenty-six ministers and twenty-six churches, and has under its care one licentiate and two candidates.

Ministers received :

December 12, 1892, Rev. Edward B. French, from the Milwaukee District Convention of Congregational Churches;

October 2, 1893, Rev. Jonathan Greenleaf, from the Presbytery of Lackawanna.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery :

December 12, 1892, George B. Studley, Frederick L. Mills;

October 2, 1893, Christoph Bauer.

License conferred :

June 13, 1893, George B. Studley.

Licentiate received :

December 12, 1892, John A. Todd, from the Presbytery of Des Moines.

Pastoral relations dissolved :

May 1, 1893, between Rev. Walter M. Grafton and the Whitestone Church;

June 13, between Rev. John A. Davis and Christ Church, Hempstead;

October 2, between Rev. John Hutchison and the Freeport Church.

Installation :

December 6, 1892, Rev. Joseph Speers, over the Church of Brentwood.

Ministers dismissed :

July 11, 1893, Rev. John A. Davis, to the Presbytery of Hudson;

July 18, Rev. Clarence Geddes, to the Presbytery of Long Island;

July 20, Rev. Walter M. Grafton, to the Presbytery of Des Moines;

October 2, Rev. John Hutchison, to the Presbytery of Jersey City; and Rev. James C. Hume, to the Presbytery of New York.

Licentiate transferred:

June 15, 1893, John A. Todd, to the Presbytery of Des Moines.

Name dropped from the roll:

April 10, 1893, Rev. Samuel G. Griess, at his own request, he having withdrawn from the Church.

Change in name of church:

April 10, 1893, "Christian Hook" to "Ocean Side."

XVIII. THE PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK consists of one hundred and seventy ministers and fifty-four churches, and has under its care twelve licentiates and twenty-two candidates.

Ministers received:

November 14, 1892, Rev. Charles P. Fagnani, from the Presbytery of Westchester; December 12, Rev. Peter Z. Easton, from the Presbytery of Oroomiah; and Rev.

Arthur H. Claflin, from Lansing Congregational Association;

February 13, 1893, Rev. Matthew J. Smalley, from the U. P. Presbytery of Mansfield; and Rev. John R. Davies, from the Presbytery of Huntingdon;

March 13, Rev. Bryce K. Douglas, from the Presbytery of Chemung;

June 12, Rev. Francis P. Mullally, from the Presbytery of Southern Dakota;

October 2, Rev. Daniel S. Gregory, from the Presbytery of Mankato; Rev. Charles J. Young, from the Presbytery of Albany; and Rev. Edward J. Hamilton, from the Presbytery of Utica.

Candidates taken under the care of Presbytery:

November 14, 1892, Henry McGilvry, Hubert Franzen and Gregory A. Shiragian; December 12, Henry McKnight Moore;

February 13, 1893, Joseph D. Ibbotson;

April 10, Nathan D. Hynson, J. C. Collins, Arthur Spaulding;

May 8, Edward Niles;

June 12, Charles F. Taylor and Herman P. Faust;

October 2, Franklin Gaylord.

Licentiates received, and Licenses conferred:

November 21, 1892, Bruce Cronmiller;

May 1, 1893, William R. Bennett, Nathan D. Hynson, Oldrich Kocian, Edward J. Lloyd, Thornton B. Penfield, Arthur Spaulding, Joseph K. Freed;

October 2, Pierce B. Thompkins, from the Presbytery of McClelland.

Ordinations:

January 17, 1893, William A. Brown, Chauncey W. Goodrich;

May 1, John Giffin, Oldrich Kocian, Allan B. MacNeill, Thornton B. Penfield;

June 13, William R. Bennett.

Dissolution of pastoral relations :

- November 14, 1892, between Rev. Hugh Pritchard and Knox Church ;
- February 13, 1893, between Rev. Edward L. Clark and the Church of the Puritans ;
- June 12, between Rev. Alexander W. Sproull and the Church of Sea and Land.

Installations :

- November 6, 1892, Rev. Walter D. Buchanan, over the 13th Street Church ;
- February 26, 1893, Rev. Matthew J. Smalley, over the Knox Church ;
- March 5, Rev. John R. Davies, over the Fourth Avenue Church ;
- March 19, Rev. Charles S. Robinson, over the New York Church ;
- April 9, Rev. Bryce K. Douglas, over the Lenox Church.

Ministers dismissed :

- November 14, 1892, Rev. Charles E. Herring, to the Presbytery of Elizabeth ;
- December 12, Rev. Ferdinand V. D. Garretson, to the Presbytery of Puget Sound ;
- January 16, 1893, Rev. Komanosuke Kumagai, to Miyagi of the Church of Christ, Japan ; Rev. James E. Sentz, to the Presbytery of Palmyra ; Rev. David G. Smith, to the Presbytery of Philadelphia ; and Rev. William Durant, to the Presbytery of Albany ;
- April 10, Rev. Arthur H. Claflin, to the North West Pennsylvania Association of Congregational Churches ;
- February 13, Rev. Edward L. Clark, to the West Suffolk Congregational Association of Boston.

Candidates and licentiates transferred :

- October 27, 1892, Candidate John H. Hope, to the Presbytery of Montana ;
- November 7, Candidate Louis R. Simpson, to the Presbytery of Saginaw ;
- December 2, Licentiate Bruce W. Cronmiller, to the Presbytery of Westchester ;
- March 23, 1893, Licentiate James J. Dunlop, to the Presbytery of Long Island ;
- May 10, Licentiate Nathan D. Hynson, to the Presbytery of Monmouth ;
- May 11, Licentiate Joseph K. Freed, to the Presbytery of Monmouth ;
- May 15, Licentiate Asa Wynkoop, to the Presbytery of Morris and Orange.

Deceased :

- May 15, 1893, Rev. Bartolomew Krüsi.

XIX. THE PRESBYTERY OF NIAGARA consists of twenty-one ministers and twenty-one churches, and has under its care one candidate.

Ministers received :

- April 17, 1893, Rev. Seth Cook, from the Presbytery of Walla Walla ; Rev. Daniel W. Cameron, from the Presbytery of Cayuga ; Rev. Frederick C. Suits, from the Presbytery of St. Lawrence ; and Rev. Nathaniel B. Andrews, from the Baptist Association of Flint, Mich ;
- September 18, Rev. George Nichols, from the Presbytery of Syracuse.

Licensed :

- April 18, 1893, Dean R. Leland.

Pastoral relation dissolved :

October 17, 1892, between Rev. S. Horace Beshgetoor and the Church at Barre Centre.

Installations :

May 8, 1893, Rev. Nathaniel B. Andrews, over the Church at Barre Centre ;

September 19, Rev. George Nichols, over the Pierce Avenue Church.

Ministers dismissed :

July 5, 1893, Rev. Edward Snyder, to the Presbytery of Cayuga ;

September 18, Rev. Frank S. Swan, to the Presbytery of Steuben.

Church organized :

September 19, 1893, Pierce Avenue, Niagara Falls.

XX. THE PRESBYTERY OF NORTH LAOS consists of ten ministers and eight churches. [Minutes of the General Assembly, 1893.]

XXI. THE PRESBYTERY OF NORTH RIVER consists of forty ministers and thirty churches, and has under its care two candidates.

Ministers received :

April 17, 1893, Rev. George Campbell, from the Presbytery of Kirkwall, Church of Scotland ;

October 3, Rev. Julius Straus, from the Presbytery of Cincinnati.

Licentiate received :

June 20, 1893, John A. Terhune, from the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

Ordination :

June 20, 1893, John A. Terhune.

Dissolution of pastoral relation :

October 3, 1893, between Rev. John Jay Crane and the Church of Pleasant Plains.

Installations :

May 1, 1893, Rev. T. Darlington Jester over the Millerton Church ;

April 26, Rev. George Campbell, over the Bethlehem Church ;

June 20, Rev. John A. Terhune, over Hughsonville Church.

Minister dismissed :

April 17, 1893, Rev. Edward L. Allen, to the Presbytery of Sacramento.

Deceased :

August 24, 1893, Rev. George Campbell, aged 47 years.

XXII. THE PRESBYTERY OF OTSEGO consists of twenty-five ministers and twenty-seven churches, and has under its care one licentiate and six candidates.

Ministers received :

April 26, 1893, Rev. Albro L. Green, from the Presbytery of Geneva ;

September 13, Rev. Julius S. Pattengill, from the Presbytery of Binghamton.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery :

April 26, 1893, Albert G. Brown ;

September 13, Charles McKenzie.

Dissolution of pastoral relation :

February 7, 1893, between Rev. Thomas Fitzgerald and the Church of Colchester, Downsville.

Minister dismissed :

February 7, 1893, Rev. Thomas Fitzgerald, to the Presbytery of Hudson.

XXIII. THE PRESBYTERY OF ROCHESTER consists of sixty-four ministers and forty-six churches, and has under its care one licentiate and eight candidates.

Ministers received :

October 5, 1892, Rev. T. Morey Hodgman, from the Presbytery of Lyons ;

February 14, 1893, Rev. James A. R. Hay, from the Presbytery of Saginaw ; and

Rev. Charles A. Evans, from the Presbytery of Carlisle ;

April 11, Rev. Allan McQueen, from the Presbytery of Genesee ;

May 1, Rev. John A. Sherrard, from the Presbytery of Erie ;

October 6, Rev. Thomas E. Sherman, from the Presbytery of St. Lawrence ;

October 14, Rev. Alfred K. Bates, from the Reformed Episcopal Church.

Candidates taken under the care of Presbytery :

February 14, 1893, Thomas H. Derrick ;

April 11, John Kincade ;

September 19, George L. Engler.

Licensed :

April 11, 1893, John Kincade ;

September 19, Claire H. Denman.

Ordinations :

April 6, 1893, George L. Curtis ;

September 28, John Kincade.

Dissolution of pastoral relations :

May 31, 1893, between Rev. Barton W. Perry and Grace Church, Rochester ;

September 20, Rev. George Patton, D. D., was released from active duties as pastor of the Third Church of Rochester, and retained as Pastor Emeritus.

Installations :

April 6, 1893, Rev. Charles A. Evans, over Calvary Church, Rochester ;

May 22, Rev. John A. Sherrard, over the Church of Caledonia ;

October 10, Rev. Thomas E. Sherman, over Grace Church, Rochester.

Ministers dismissed :

May 31, 1893, Rev. Barton W. Perry, to the Presbytery of Sacramento ;

June 10, Rev. George L. Curtis, to the Presbytery of Baltimore.

Licentiate transferred :

September 18, 1893, William J. Gregory, to the Presbytery of Binghamton.

Deceased :

March 29, 1893, at Springwater, N. Y., Rev. William Hunter, in the 81st year of his age ;

April 1, at Lima, N. Y., Rev. Benjamin F. Willoughby, in the 60th year of his age.

XXIV. THE PRESBYTERY OF ST. LAWRENCE consists of thirty-five ministers and thirty-one churches, and has under its care one licentiate and five candidates.

Ministers received :

April 8, 1893, Rev. Alfred Logan, from the Montreal Conference of the Methodist Church ;

April 11, Rev. David L. Bradley, from the Presbytery of Lyons ; Rev. German H. Chatterton, from the Presbytery of Otsego ; Rev. George B. Van Dyke, from the Presbytery of Monmouth ;

August 7, Rev. Calvin J. Hastings, from the Presbytery of Champlain ; and Rev. Donald A. McLean, from the Black River and St. Lawrence Congregational Association.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery :

April 11, 1893, Charles M. Brown and Hedley A. Hall ;

June 28, Daniel M. Geddes.

License conferred :

April 12, 1893, Alexander Wouters.

Ordinations :

April 12, 1893, Charles G. Cady and Charles O. Gray.

Installations :

June 28, 1893, Rev. Alfred Logan, over the Second Oswegatchie Church ;

August 7, Rev. Charles G. Cady, over the Church of Theresa.

Ministers dismissed :

June 28, 1893, Rev. Frederick C. Suits, to the Presbytery of Niagara ;

September 26, Rev. Thomas E. Sherman, to the Presbytery of Rochester.

Deceased :

September 15, 1893, at Cape Vincent, N. Y., Rev. David L. Bradley, in the 29th year of his age.

September 26, 1893, The Presbytery consented, if the Synod approve, to the formation of a Church at Childwold, in St. Lawrence County, by the Presbytery of Champlain. The Synod gave its approval at its last meeting, and a church was so formed.

XXV. THE PRESBYTERY OF SIAM consists of ten ministers and seven churches, and has under its care two licentiates. [Minutes of the General Assembly, 1893.]

XXVI. THE PRESBYTERY OF STEUBEN consists of twenty-seven ministers and twenty-five churches, and has under its care one licentiate and eight candidates.

Ministers received :

April 19, 1893, Rev. James Richardson Robinson, from the Presbytery of Chemung ;
and Rev. D. Albert Blose, from the Springfield Congregational Association ;
September 13, Rev. George F. Danforth, from the Presbytery of Westchester.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery :

September 13, 1893, Ernest L. Tiffany and Frank E. Van Wie.

Licensed :

April 19, 1893, Alfred F. Pratt.

Minister dismissed :

April 4, 1893, Rev. William H. Rice, to the Presbytery of Kalamazoo.

Deceased :

April 4, 1893, at Howard, N. Y., Rev. Ziba N. Bradbury, aged 63 years.

Church dissolved :

Elk Creek.

XXVII. THE PRESBYTERY OF SYRACUSE consists of thirty-five ministers and forty-four churches, and has under its care one licentiate and seven candidates.

Ministers received :

April 10, 1893, Rev. George Mylne, from the Lansing Congregational Association ;
April 11, Rev. Peter M. Joralemon, from the Central New York M. E. Conference ;
September 18, Rev. Erastus W. Twichell, from the Presbytery of Cayuga.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery :

September 26, 1893, Allen T. Emery.

Licensed :

April 11, 1893, Oliver T. Mather, Charles M. Herrick, Warren D. More and Benjamin F. Hammond.

Licentiates received :

April 11, 1893, Duncan A. McPhie ;
September 18, Charles L. Luther, both from the Presbytery of Cayuga.

Ordinations :

May 16, 1893, Philip N. Moore ;
June 6, Duncan A. McPhie ;
September 26, Charles L. Luther.

Pastoral relations dissolved :

February 6, 1893, between Rev. Judson Swift and Grace Church, Oswego ;
May 2, between Rev. George Nichols and the Wampsville Church ;
May 16, between Rev. Charles H. Walker and the Chittenango Church ;
September 26, between Rev. George Mylne and Westminster Church, Syracuse.

Installations :

May 2, 1893, Rev. George Mylne, over the Westminster Church, Syracuse ;
May 16, Rev. Philip N. Moore, over the Church at Amboy ;
June 6, Rev. Duncan A. McPhie, over the Church at Hannibal.

Ministers dismissed :

December 5, 1892, Rev. George Benaugh, to the Presbytery of Neosho ;
February 6, 1893, Rev. Alexander H. Fraser, to the Presbytery of Council Bluffs ;
May 16, Rev. Charles H. Walker, to the Presbytery of Troy ;
September 18, Rev. George Nichols, to the Presbytery of Niagara.

Licentiates transferred :

April 11, 1893, Warren D. More, to the Presbytery of Chemung ; Oliver T. Mather, to the Presbytery of Cayuga ; and Benjamin F. Hammond, to the Presbytery of Lackawanna.

XXVIII. THE PRESBYTERY OF TROY consists of fifty ministers and forty-two churches, and has under its care one licentiate and one candidate for the ministry.

Ministers received :

December 28, 1892, Rev. Obadiah C. Auringer, from the Presbytery of Utica ;
April 17, 1893, Rev. George W. Plack, from the Manhattan Association of Congregational Churches ; and Rev. Charles B. Atwood, from the Addison County Association of Congregational Ministers ;
June 12, Rev. Charles H. Walker, from the Presbytery of Syracuse ;
September 19, Rev. Daniel I. Morrison, from the Presbytery of Columbia.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery :

April 17, 1893, Dr. Charles A. Ingraham.

License conferred :

September 19, 1893, on Dr. Charles A. Ingraham, as a local evangelist.

Licentiate received :

September 19, 1893, Charles T. White, from the U. P. Presbytery of Argyle.

Ordinations :

April 17, 1893, Fred L. Benedict, as an evangelist.
September 19, Charles T. White, as an evangelist.

Dissolutions of pastoral relations :

December 28, 1892, between Rev. William Fraser and the Church of Salem ;
April 17, 1893, between Rev. Charles Townsend and the First Church of Lansingburgh ;
May 23, between Rev. Ezekiel D. Van Dyck and the Church of Johnsonville ;
August 28, between Rev. Adrian V. S. Wallace and the Church of Green Island ;
and between Rev. Lee W. Beattie and the Church of Cambridge ;
September 19, between Rev. A. Sellers Mays and the Liberty Street Church of Troy.

Installations :

January 18, 1893, Rev. Obadiah C. Auringer, over the Third Church of Troy ;
May 1, Rev. George W. Plack, over the Church of Hoosick Falls ;
May 2, Rev. Charles B. Atwood, over the Church of Whitehall ;
June 20, Rev. Charles H. Walker, over the First Church of Lansingburgh.

Ministers dismissed :

February 1, 1893, Rev. William Fraser, to the Presbytery of Champlain ;
April 17, Rev. William Williams, to the Presbytery of Santa Fé ; and Rev. Charles
Townsend, to the Presbytery of Cleveland ;
May 23, Rev. Ezekiel D. Van Dyck, to the Presbytery of Columbia ;
August 28, Rev. Adrian V. S. Wallace, to the Presbytery of Westchester ; and Rev.
Lee W. Beattie, to the Presbytery of Mankato.

Deceased :

August 29, 1893, at Troy, N. Y., Rev. John Newbanks, in the 69th year of his age.

Honorably retired :

April 17, 1893, Rev. John Tatlock, D. D.

XXIX. THE PRESBYTERY OF UTICA consists of forty-nine ministers and forty-four churches, and has under its care two licentiates and sixteen candidates.

Ministers received :

October 25, 1892, Rev. William P. F. Ferguson, from the Northern N. Y. Methodist
Episcopal Conference ;
December 12, Rev. M. Woolsey Stryker, D. D., from the Presbytery of Chicago ;
April 11, 1893, Rev. Wesley W. Cole, from the Presbytery of Cayuga ;
September 26, Rev. Walter Fry, from the Presbytery of Hudson, and Rev. Louis G.
Colson, from the Presbytery of Lehigh.

Candidates taken under the care of Presbytery :

September 26, 1893, Frederick W. Tuers, Anthony N. Petersen, Albert G. Mc-
Gregor and Albert F. Earnshaw.

Licenses conferred :

April 11, 1893, William D. Crockett ;
September 29, Thomas C. Brockway as a local evangelist.

Licentiate received :

May 23, 1893, John W. McCallum.

Ordinations :

November 29, 1892, Charles W. E. Chapin ;
May 23, 1893, John W. McCallum.

Dissolutions of pastoral relations :

May 7, 1893, between Rev. Walter Mitchell and the Church of Verona ;
September 26, between Rev. Edward C. Wiley and the Church at Knoxboro.

Installations :

October 25, 1892, Rev. William C. Robinson, over the Church at Clinton ;
January 26, 1893, Rev. M. Woolsey Stryker, D. D., over the Church of Hamilton
College ;
April 1, Rev. William P. F. Ferguson, over the Church at Whitesboro ;
May 5, Rev. Wesley W. Cole, over the Church at Camden ;
September 29, Rev. Louis G. Colson, over the Church at New York Mills.

Ministers dismissed :

- December 12, 1892, Rev. John W. Whitfield, to the Oneida, Chenango and Delaware Congregational Association ;
December 26, Rev. Obadiah C. Auringer, to the Presbytery of Troy ;
April 11, 1893, Rev. J. Russell Jones, to the Presbytery of Winona ; and Rev. Solomon C. McElroy, to the Presbytery of Albany ;
May 5, Rev. Joseph L. Spurlark, to the Presbytery of Southern Virginia ;
September 11, Rev. John C. McCallum, to the Presbytery of Albany ;
September 26, Rev. Edward J. Hamilton, D. D., to the Presbytery of New York ; and Rev. Walter Mitchell, to the Oneida, Chenango and Delaware Congregational Association.

Licentiate transferred :

- September 25, 1893, William D. Crockett, to the Presbytery of Lackawanna.

Deceased :

- March 25, 1893, at Turin, N. Y., Rev. Henry E. Decker, in the 62d year of his age.

XXX. THE PRESEBYTERY OF WESTCHESTER consists of sixty ministers and thirty-eight churches, and has under its care eight licentiates and five candidates.

Ministers received :

- April 18, 1893, Rev. William Watts Davidson, from the Presbytery of Logansport ;
October 3, Rev. Adrian V. S. Wallace, from the Presbytery of Troy.

Candidates taken under the care of Presbytery :

- June 20, 1893, Henry M. Brown ;
October 4, John O. Weston and Thomas Travis.

Licensed :

- April 19, 1893, George F. Danforth and Robert H. Life ;
June 20, Henry M. Brown.

Licentiates received :

- January 17, 1893, William G. Jenkins, from the Presbytery of Philadelphia ; and Bruce Wallace Cronmiller, from the Presbytery of New York.

Ordinations :

- January 31, 1893, Bruce Wallace Cronmiller ;
April 19, William G. Jenkins and George F. Danforth.

Dissolutions of pastoral relations :

- January 31, 1893, between Rev. W. Hart Dexter and the Thompsonville Church ;
October 4, between Rev. John S. Penman and the Irvington Church ;
October 15, between Rev. Manfred P. Welcher and the South Salem Church.

Installations :

- October 27, 1892, Rev. David Laughlin, D. D., over the Mount Kisco Church ;
January 31, 1893, Rev. Bruce Wallace Cronmiller, over the Gilead Church ;
October 10, Rev. Adrian V. S. Wallace, over the Thompsonville Church.

Ministers dismissed :

June 2, 1893, Rev. Willis W. Dowd, to the Presbytery of Pueblo ;
 August 23, Rev. George F. Danforth, to the Presbytery of Steuben ;
 October 3, Rev. George Cornwell, to the Presbytery of Shantung.

Licentiates transferred :

March 25, 1893, Samuel C. Hodge, to the Presbytery of Lackawanna ;
 June 2, Robert Irwin MacBride, to the Presbytery of Chemung.

Church organized :

May 4, 1893, First Church at Hastings-on-Hudson, N. Y.

XXXI. THE PRESBYTERY OF WESTERN PERSIA consists of six ministers, with two others on a supplementary roll. It has in connection with it thirty-four churches, thirty-nine native ministers, and fifty-four licentiates. [Minutes of the General Assembly, 1893.]

SUMMARY.

Ministers.....	1,138	Licentiates.....	54
Churches.....	860	Candidates.....	152

NOTE.—Of the Presbytery of Western Persia, the eight ministers only are included in the summary.

III. SUCCESSION OF MODERATORS OF THE SYNOD.

	Name.	Presbytery.	Place.
1882.	Henry A. Nelson, D. D., <i>Convener</i>	Geneva.....	Utica.
1882.	Howard Crosby, D. D.....	New York.....	Utica.
1883.	James McLeod, D. D.....	Buffalo.....	New York.
1884.	John McC. Holmes, D. D.....	Albany.....	Buffalo.
1885.	L. Merrill Miller, D. D.....	St. Lawrence.....	Troy.
1886.	Joseph E. Nassau, D. D.....	Genesee.....	Elmira.
1887.	Charles C. Wallace, D. D.....	Boston.....	Auburn.
1888.	T. Ralston Smith, D. D.....	Buffalo.....	Syracuse.
1889.	Samuel Jessup, D. D.....	Utica.....	Poughkeepsie.
1890.	Andrew V. V. Raymond, D. D.....	Albany.....	Lockport.
1891.	Asa S. Fiske, D. D.....	Cayuga.....	Watertown.
1892.	Levi Parsons, D. D.....	Rochester.....	Albany.
1893.	James Gardner, D. D.....	Albany.....	Rochester.

IV. PERMANENT OFFICERS OF THE PRESBYTERIES.

Changes in Names and Addresses.

COLUMBIA: Rev. Christopher G. Hazard, *Treasurer*, Catskill.

GENESEE: Elder J. Corwin Jacks, *Stated Clerk*, Batavia.

V. TRUSTEES OF THE SYNOD.

President: William Allen Butler, Esq., New York.

Secretary: Rev. T. Ralston Smith, D. D., Buffalo.

Treasurer: Warner Van Norden, Esq., Bank of North America, New York.

Legal Committee: William Allen Butler, Esq.

Term Expiring in 1894: Rev. Henry M. MacCracken, D. D., Rev. Charles L. Thompson, D. D., William Allen Butler, James Bayles.

Term Expiring in 1895: Rev. George Alexander, D. D., Rev. Alfred H. Momet, D. D., Edward Wells, Warner Van Norden.

Term Expiring in 1896: Rev. Charles S. Robinson, D. D., Rev. Robert F. Sample, D. D., William A. Wheelock, John J. McCook.

Members Ex-Officio: Rev. James Gardner, D. D., Rev. T. Ralston Smith, D. D., Rev. J. Wilford Jacks.

VI. ELMIRA COLLEGE.

I. BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Term Expiring in 1894.

John I. Nicks,
Newton P. Fassett,
Rev. Wilson Phraner, D. D.,

Seymour Dexter,
Mrs. Howard Elmer,
Louis G. Rathbun.

Term Expiring in 1895.

Alexander S. Diven,
Daniel R. Pratt,
Francis Hall,

Rev. J. Lovejoy Robertson,
Rev. George H. McKnight,
Mrs. Helen B. Turner.

Term Expiring in 1896.

Rev. Augustus W. Cowles, D. D.,
Rev. George C. Curtis, D. D.,
Rev. Isaac Jennings, D. D.,

Rev. Rufus S. Green, D. D.,
Rev. Henry D. B. Mulford,
Mallory D. Schoonmaker,

Mrs. Helen M. McWilliams.

2. BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

Term Expiring in 1894.—Rev. Samuel Dunham, Rev. Marcus N. Preston, Prof. Philip M. Hull.

Term Expiring in 1895.—Rev. Charles C. Carr, Rev. Allen F. De Camp, Rev. Samuel W. Pratt.

Term Expiring in 1896.—Rev. James Gardner, D. D., Rev. A. Cameron McKenzie, D. D., Prof. Ezra J. Peck.

3. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES TO JULY 1, 1893.

Estimated value of College grounds and buildings proper.....	\$150,000.00
“ President’s house and grounds.....	10,000.00
“ Observatory grounds, buildings and instruments.....	10,000.00
“ Library.....	5,000.00
“ Paintings, casts, studies, &c., in Art Department	5,000.00
“ Furniture	10,000.00
“ Musical instruments.....	15,000.00
“ Educational collections.....	5,000.00
“ Other real estate, vacant lots	2,000.00
“ New music building, gift of Solomon Gillett, of Elmira, ...	12,000.00
	<u>\$224,000.00</u>
Amount invested in bonds and mortgages upon real estate.....	\$ 73,025.00
In lands taken on foreclosure of mortgages, held for sale and re-investment ..	20,375.00
	<u>\$317,400.00</u>
Deduct bonded debt.....	60,000.00
	<u>\$257,400.00</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Current expenses, interest and repairs..\$ 42,879.92

REVENUE.

From board and tuition.....	\$30,350.09
Term bills due, good.....	2,025.00
Interest received to June 1st, 1893.....	3,064.50
Interest to July 1st, 1893.....	1,035.00
	<u>\$ 36,474.59</u>
Deficiency	\$ 6,405.33
Balance of the \$60,000 loan issued to help out the year.....	\$ 5,000.00
	<u>\$ 1,405.33</u>

VII. EXTRACTS FROM THE STANDING RULES.

I.

The Annual Meeting of the Synod shall begin on the third Tuesday of October, at half-past seven o’clock P. M.

III.

Each Presbytery shall, at its stated meeting next preceding the meeting of the Synod, and if possible not later than two weeks before such meeting, elect the number of delegates to which it is entitled, together with an equal number of alternates, as prescribed by the organic rule under which the Synod is constituted, namely :

“The Synod of New York shall be composed of equal delegations of ministers and ruling elders from each Presbytery in the following proportion: each Presbytery, the number of whose ministers and churches taken together is not more than 14, shall send one minister and one elder; each Presbytery containing more than 14 and not more than 28 ministers and churches taken together, shall send two ministers and two elders; and so in like proportion for every additional number of 14 ministers and churches taken together, or for the fraction thereof; *provided*, that no Presbytery shall be entitled to send more than ten ministers and ten elders.”

IV.

The Stated Clerk of each Presbytery, immediately after the election, shall send to the Stated Clerk of the Synod a certified list of the delegates and alternate delegates chosen by the Presbytery to represent it at the Synod; and from these lists shall be made up the official roll.

At the calling of the roll at the opening session, the names of the principals who have thus been reported, or of alternates duly substituted, shall be included; but when alternate delegates appear in place of their principals, such delegates shall report in person privately to the Stated Clerk of the Synod, before their names shall be substituted upon the roll for those of their principals.

Duplicate lists of delegates and alternates shall be sent promptly by the Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries to the Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements.

VII.

A complete roll of the ministers and churches of each Presbytery shall be sent by its Stated Clerk to the Stated Clerk of the Synod, at least ten days before the annual meeting.

VIII.

Each Presbytery, immediately after its Fall Stated Meeting, shall forward to the Stated Clerk of the Synod a Statistical Report and History of its Acts and Changes, for the year preceding, as required by the Form of Government, Chap. X., Sec. 9. These reports shall be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

XIV.

To provide for the necessary expenses of the Synod, the several Presbyteries shall furnish, annually, amounts proportioned respectively to the number of their communicants, according to a rate *per capita* determined at the previous meeting of the Synod. And if no action has been taken, the rate shall be six mills for each communicant.

These sums shall be due and payable to the Treasurer on the first of October, when the Synod's fiscal year shall terminate.

XVII.

The Minutes of the Synod shall be printed, under the direction of the Stated Clerk, as soon as practicable after the adjournment; and a copy shall be sent to every minister, to every elder whose name is on the roll of the Synod, and to the Session of each vacant church, within the bounds, severally, of those Presbyteries whose apportionments for Synodical expenses have been paid.

VIII. PERMANENT COMMITTEES.

I. SYNODICAL AID.

Ministers—L. Merrill Miller, John McC. Holmes, Asa S. Fiske, T. Ralston Smith, George Alexander, William H. Littell; *Elders*—Theodore S. Hubbard, Horace B. Silliman, Joseph C. Batchelor, Albert P. Stevens.

II. SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

Ministers—Charles A. Richmond, William S. Hubbell, George C. Yeisley, Samuel V. V. Holmes; *Elders*—Francis A. Board, Edward Wells, John H. Osborne.

III. BOARDS OF THE CHURCH.

I. HOME MISSIONS: *Ministers*—Andrew V. V. Raymond, Charles H. Baldwin, John Reid, Allen Macy Dulles; *Elders*—Edward N. Dauchy, Louis W. Pratt, Orrin Day.

II. FOREIGN MISSIONS: *Ministers*—J. Balcom Shaw, J. Ritchie Smith, Henry A. Davenport, Alfred H. Moment, George S. Webster, Henry T. McEwen; *Elders*—John F. Winslow, A. Noel Blakeman, Theodore Gilman, Cleveland H. Dodge, James Vereance, Frank R. Chambers.

III. EDUCATION: *Ministers*—L. Mason Clarke, George B. Spalding, Willis J. Beecher, J. Lovejoy Robertson; *Elders*—John E. Myer, Henry Hooker, James W. Eager.

IV. PUBLICATION AND SABBATH SCHOOL WORK: *Ministers*—Donald McLaren, John T. Wilds, Harlan G. Mendenhall, Arthur H. Allen; *Elders*—William R. Worral, Russell W. McKee, John E. Knowlton.

V. CHURCH ERECTION: *Ministers*—Martin D. Kneeland, Warren R. Cochrane, Charles S. Dewing, James M. Craig; *Elders*—John Gilchrist, Ebenezer M. McPherson, Oliver O. Jones.

VI. MINISTERIAL RELIEF: *Ministers*—George C. Yeisley, Eben Halley, Alfonso R. Olney, William M. Johnson; *Elders*—James B. Jermain, William H. Doughty, T. Romeyn Bunn.

VII. FREEDMEN: *Ministers*—Samuel T. Clarke, William Burnett Wright, Anthony H. Evans, Duncan Cameron; *Elders*—Edward C. Warner, F. M. Hayes, Edward W. Skinner.

VIII. AID FOR COLLEGES: *Ministers*—Edward H. Rudd, Asa S. Fiske, Henry H. Stebbins, William R. Taylor; *Elders*—Charles F. Pond, George H. Sickels, Joshua S. Helmer.

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